

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

March 2022

Dear Member

Welcome to the March Newsletter. We will start with a report from our last meeting, which followed the Annual General Meeting. Minutes and reports are attached to the end of this Newsletter.

## The Late Roman Army – Nick Marsh

Nick finally managed to give his illustrated lecture, delayed by you-know-what at our March meeting.

Below you can see Nick suitably attired in the dress of a Roman soldier from around 385 AD. Nick also



brought a number of objects for us to see and handle which helped us to understand the life of a Roman Soldier in Great Britain. There were a lot of Roman soldiers around towards the end of the Roman Empire and in Great Britain alone there were around 25,000 to 30,000 soldiers, with around 7200 stationed on or close to Hadrian's Wall. The ratio of soldiers to civilians in Great Britain then was similar to that during World War II when it was commonplace to see soldiers walking around. The total Late Roman Army numbered around 561,000 soldiers of all ranks. By that time, the Army in Great Britain had been split into four provinces or 'diocese'. The capital cities were York, Lincoln, Cirencester, and London. Although Leicester or Ratae as the Romans would have known it (Leicester is derived from the Anglo-Saxon ceaster which means Roman Town) was important and had a large Roman population, it was not considered a capital city. Sad to think, or maybe not, that by 420 most of the late Roman Army had left Great Britain. Those remaining had changed careers to a variety of roles often becoming farmers. We then had visitors from Scandinavia as we heard all about last year. Nick explained all aspects of life for the Roman soldiers at that time. One was how the late Roman army received its pay. The salary (from the Roman word for salt) was paid in three ways: an annual salary (stipendium), a ration allowance paid in kind (annonae/capitus) and a lump sum of cash on the accession of an Emperor and every five years of his reign

(donatives). The annual salary, stipendium, was paid to them in three equal payments per year. These were given out at a full unit parade and where an important fixture in the routine of the Unit. The value of these had been set over 150 years earlier at around 1,800 denarii, so inflation meant they were effectively worthless. In fact, in 301 A.D., a '3rd class' dalmatic tunic was priced at 3,000 denarii.

Annonae are payments in kind - usually flour, salt, cooking oil / butter, meat, or fish. One Annona is considered to be one day's ration for one man. According to surviving documents from Egypt, the daily food ration that made up part of the Annona was, 3 pounds of bread, 2 pounds of meat, two pints of wine and one eighth of a pint of oil.

The wine and oil might have been replaced with beer and butter in more northern provinces of the Empire. If this is the actual ration issue, then late Roman soldiers had a very generous amount of food, on those probably rare occasions when they got full rations. See table below.

RANK	ANNONAE per day
TIRO	2/3rds (1)
PEDES / EQUES	1 (1)
SEMISALIS	1 ½ (1)
CIRCITOR	2 (1)
BIARCHUS	2 (1)
CENTENARIUS	2½ (1)
DUCENTENARIUS	3½ (1)
SENATOR	4 (2)
PRIMICERIUS	5 (2)
DOMESTICUS	6 (6)
VICARIUS	Unknown but between 6 & 10
TRIBUNIUS/PREFECTUS	Unknown but probably in the region of 10 (10)

The higher your rank, the more you got allowing you to feed your family and the servants of your household. Annonae are raised as a tax in kind upon landowners and farmers. They may have included items like leather and cloth for making tunics and equipment. Cavalry soldiers also received a ration allowance for their horses called a Capitus. Annonae (Capitus in brackets) per rank per day is shown above. Source: GeoCities 2009.

The above issues are for troops in the field army, and it is thought that the Limitanei (second line soldiers usually locally recruited from farming stock) were given less, partly because of their lower status and partly because they grew at least some of their own food on the land they held near to their forts.



By the 5th century A.D., many of the items on the rations list had been dropped and soldiers were given cash payments so they could buy rations themselves.

Donatives are lump sums of gold or silver given on the emperor's accession to the throne and every fifth anniversary (quinquennia) of his succession.

The accession payment was 5 solidi and a pound of silver, for ALL ranks and the quinquennial payment was 5 solidi.

In addition to coins, soldiers were paid large sums in silver ingots like the one pictured left.

During his lecture Nick shared items from his collection. One item, chain mail was heavy but not as heavy as Lorica Squamata armour. This was made of metal strips attached to a fabric backing. This was worn by officers and was very effective against weapons at that time. It was very heavy and even though the one Nick showed was a replica it was incredibly heavy. Nick assured us that it was also very hot to wear. He also demonstrated the weapons he had brought to show us but fortunately there were no injuries!

It was a really interesting and thorough explanation of the Late Roman Army. Being able to see Nick in Roman military dress and to handle the items used by a Roman soldier really made the lecture come to life for me. If you like that or would care to learn more about the Roman way of life, Nick asked me to let you all know that The Bosworth Roman event, at the Bosworth Battlefield and Heritage Centre will be on the 30th/31st July this year. He goes on to say that they will be showing a household of a late Roman villa owner over that weekend. The Roman weekends are always interesting, educational, and fun - well worth a visit.

### Next Lecture ‘Discovering the Roman Landscape’ Peter Liddle MBE

Peter has worked in Leicestershire Archaeology for over 45 years as an excavator, survey officer, museum curator, community archaeologist and head of the County’s archaeological team. He was awarded an MBE for services to community archaeology and is an Honorary Visiting Fellow at the School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester. Over many years Peter has built up an encyclopaedic knowledge of Leicestershire and Rutland. In this illustrated lecture he shares this experience and knowledge as we discover the Roman landscape, a fascinating journey led by an accomplished expert. The meeting will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and will commence at 7:30 pm.

### Henry VIII Visits Market Bosworth 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Bosworth Hall!



I am really looking forward to this event. It has been booked for over two years now and King Henry VIII has been extremely patient with us.

**MBS Members will be admitted free of charge!** You will not need a ticket, but you will need to have paid your subs (due last week at the AGM). If you want to bring guests, tickets are on sale via the Bosworth Festival website at excruciatingly good value of £5.00 per person.

### “In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.....”

With apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson, here is an article by Peter Loseby about a love-in on the park.

### LOVE IN ON THE PARK



Sir Wolstan had given his permission for a London firm to organise a so called ‘Love In On The Park’ on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1968.

The event was scheduled to commence at 3:00pm on Saturday through to 3:00am on Sunday morning. It was planned that two marquees would be erected to cater for up to 9,000 revellers with pop bands being in attendance. Assurances were given that the siting of the marquees would be a reasonable distance from the town centre. Security being provided by 30 special constables.

The ‘love in’ had been publicised nationally, but reaction and protest seem to have occurred only a few days before the event although a Mormon, Mr.R.Deer from Loughborough had been campaigning

for some time against the event on the grounds that it would have a damaging effect on the welfare of young people.

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, the usual RDC monthly meeting took place which witnessed stormy exchanges between the Chairman, Mr. H Greenfield, and Sir Wolstan who claimed not to have any pecuniary interest in the outcome as he had only given his permission for the event and was not the organiser. At first, he agreed to step outside, then he changed his mind before finally agreeing to wait in the corridor.

The council considered two letters of complaint, the first from Mr & Mrs Hodgetts of Manor Farm Cadeby the other from the Cadeby Parish Council, both voicing concern about possible damage to property and the moral implications of a 'love in'. The Clerk, Mr Holmes, confirmed that music either live or recorded was not permitted in the planning conditions relating to the running of the park. The Council resolved that they could not pre-empt any problems but would write to Sir Wolstan and the County Planning Committee to voice their concerns.

Meanwhile in Cadeby an emergency meeting of the Parish Council was called. Amongst the comments made was that it was bound to attract drug abuse, an undermining of the moral standards of the young and, a final observation, that it would attract the wrong type of folk into our area.

The application for an alcohol licence was heard in Hinckley on the day before the event. The licence was for a period from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm. An assurance was given that entrance would be by ticket only. By charging a £1 a ticket it was felt that it would deter potential troublemakers from attending. Despite protests against the application the magistrate stated that there was no evidence that the organisers had not organised a proper function and granted the licence.

Saturday dawned with heavy rain falling throughout the day. Instead of the 9,000 expected it was estimated that only two or three hundred attended and some of those soon left. The air reverberated with the sound of pop groups who played to audiences which on occasions were outnumbered by the number of special constables keeping law and order.

A halt was called when the bars closed at 11:30. Some of the intrepid audience descended on the home of Sir Wolstan demanding their money back. Sir Wolstan explained that the organisation had nothing to do with him and he shared their disappointment and assured them that questions would be asked.

The newspaper report said that the drug problems which had been feared did not materialise. In the conditions being experienced by the revellers it suggested that it would have been hard to push a bottle of aspirins!

The organiser's problems were not yet over. The brewery lorry taking eleven ton of unsold alcohol back to the brewery got bogged down in the quagmire and had to be pulled out. The organisers claimed that they had suffered losses of around £4,000.

Sir Wolstan told the newspaper that he and his wife were hurt by the way this had turned out.

With hindsight I am sure that Sir Wolstan would not have given his permission for the event. The resulting bad publicity which included a photograph of his wife entertaining members of a pop group did nothing to disassociate him from the farcical situation he found himself in which would have no doubt delighted his critics.

*Thank you, Peter, hugely entertaining and informative.*

## **The Boathouse on the Beau Pool and other questions**



As you are all aware we have appealed here and in the local magazines for photographs of the boathouse at the Beau Pool (which do you prefer? Bow or Beau?). We have already received some photographs and reminiscences. Thank you to those who have contributed to our knowledge of the history and use of the boathouse.

I have received this very interesting photograph from MBS Member Geoff Frisby. Thank you Geoff! As can be clearly seen in the image there was once a parapet adorning the platform over the lake. There also appear to be two windows looking out

onto the lake. The photograph was taken in early Spring as can be seen by the dozens of daffodils growing each side of the path.

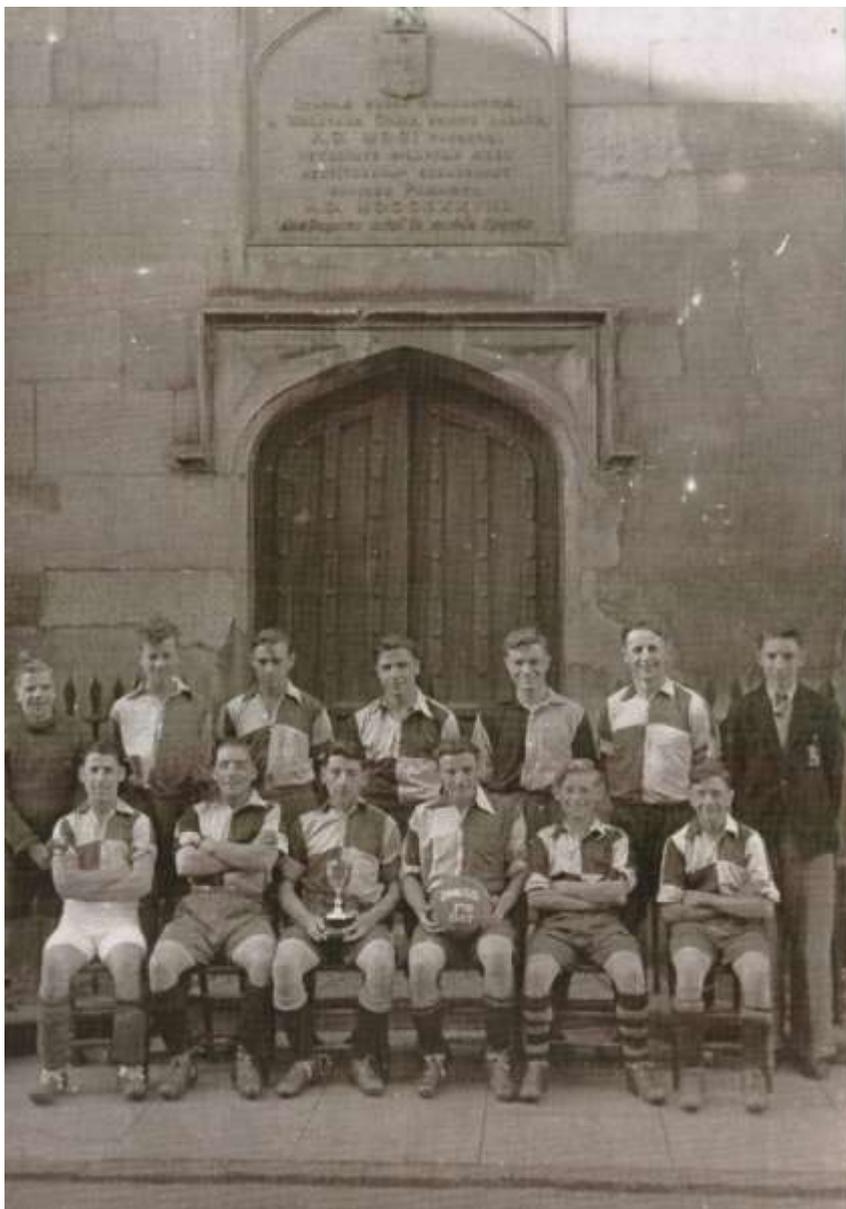
The eaves or bargeboards (do correct me if I am incorrect) appear to be contoured and the roof looks a little different. Do please send in any photographs you have. They are really interesting to see.

We are also following up on the electric car question and have made some progress. A lovely lady, who asked not to be named contacted me via The Graphic. She shared with me a fantastic memory of the grey electric car.

“We used to wait for the school bus at Stapleton - me and my brothers and some other children. Whilst we waited, we played whip and top or marbles, in the road. It was perfectly safe as there was little traffic, and we could hear the bus coming. On one occasion this grey car appeared as if from nowhere!” Being electric it was almost silent, and I can imagine them all scattering out of the way. I don't think it wise to play whip and top on the Ashby Road these days or even marbles!

Whilst we were chatting, she mentioned a stick of bombs that fell in the area of what is now Dobbies Garden Centre and hit the A447 on the bend, between the garden centre and Stapleton, causing a large crater. She went on to say that a bicycle lamp was found tied to the hedge nearby with another tied to a tree in the woods. Does anyone remember this? I would love to hear more.

## The Dixie Football Team



Jeff Pierce got in touch (via his brother-in-law Alf Pallet. Thanks for your help, Alf) and sent me a very interesting picture which I think you would also like to see. It is of the Dixie Football Team. Obviously taken outside the front doors of the Dixie Grammar School, and at a time when there was less traffic on Station Road. Jeff had noted the names, The names are Back Row (L-R) Ken Towers, Jeff Chard, Ray Smith, Gareth Perry, John Smith, Jim Lampard, Tony Holland. Front Row (L-R) Keith Jones, Rowland Rowley, Rodney Beadle, John Poole(?), Walter Pallett, Geoff Brown. Jeff was asking a question about the shirts they wore. “The shirts are interesting. Is this transition from quarters to halves or vice versa and when did it change to narrow hoops? I only recognise Jim Lampard, John Smith, Geoff Brown, and Brian's brother. John Poole who did not go to the Dixie”. Please email me if you know anything about the shirts. I have found some information already and will share that next month once confirmed. I emailed Jeff asking if he knew any more about the boys in the photograph. I knew Jim Lampard, as I am sure do most of you. I worked for Jim in 1973 as a ‘Butcher's Round Boy’. Jeff informed me that, John Smith worked for Longs Butchers in the shop where the bank now stands. Geoff Brown worked for the Prudential and collected insurance payments around the Bosworth area. “He insured my first scooter”, said Jeff. Jeff then followed up with another very interesting email

“Hi, I have just been researching on Google. If you google Tony Holland cartoonist, you will get a lot of hits some of which mention his schooling at the Dixie. He seems to have been very well known.” He was indeed! Another famous old boy of the Dixie Grammar School. I have conducted some research which I have shared with Jeff and will publish after verification next month. My Thanks to Walter Baynes who has been extremely helpful.

## And on the subject of Walter Baynes...



A short while ago I was contacted by Rachel Cox a relative of Malcolm Jackson. Rachel was in the process of sorting out some photographs and cuttings that Malcolm had. She very kindly and generously donated a large amount of them to the Market Bosworth Society Archive where they will be preserved for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

Rachel had seen appeals for information about the Boathouse on the Beau Pool and the punt which had been used on the pool. She had an original photograph which had actually been published some time ago in *Ask Aspect*. Why the interest here? You may well ask.

Those taking part in that punt on the lake back in 1955/56 are top left, John Ensor, Robert Lancaster in charge of the boat. Below them left to right are June Goddard, Marion Stanton, and Rita Aylesbrook. Below them are Richard Palmer, Rosemary Palmer, and Roy Aylesbrook. The three boys in the front are John Lancaster, Malcolm Jackson, and **Walter Baynes**.

Are you in that photograph? Do you remember having a punt on the pool? Did you have a punt with another group? I would love to see any photographs you might

have or read any memoirs of days messing around in a punt.

## Questions, Questions, Questions....

I have already updated you with information from some of questions received in previous months and there are even more! Here is one we received from a lady researching her family.

“I am currently tracing my Kimberlin ancestry in Market Bosworth. I am related to the Kimberlin family who used to run the Wheatsheaf public house on the Market Place, but my main interest is John Kimberlin who was a saddler in Market Bosworth and is listed as such on the 1841/51 censuses (Thomas Kimberlin of the Wheatsheaf was a cousin of his). If you have any information on the Kimberlin families, I would be most grateful.

However, I do have one burning question - on the 1851 census John Kimberlin is listed as living on Hoggessed Street - was this another name for Park Street? I ask because both the 1841 (which says Park Street) and 1851 (Hoggessed St) census give his adjacent neighbour as Richard Wothers, blacksmith. From Google Earth I have found the Old Forge on Park Street and would love to confirm or otherwise that my ancestor live adjacent.

I do hope you can cast some light on this query.

Regards

Jackie Braim

Indeed, we could. I knew all about the Thomas Kimberlin from my work as a guide for the Town Trail Guided Walks and knew that Park Street was a relatively new name. I referred this to my resident expert Peter Loseby and sure enough, almost immediately Peter emailed me.

“Park Street was formerly known as Hoggershill Street. Wothers were the Blacksmiths and opposite the forge was the Chapel. However, Sheila recalls being told that the house she lived in now 30 Park Street was not only the former tuck shop but the bottom end of the cottage which had a semi bay window was the saddle maker and cobbler.

No name of the occupants. Looking in Peter Foss's book he makes mention of the family 1861 Catherine Kimberlin widow of John who died in the Lock-up. His grave is to the left of the church door about 10 yards around and next to the Church. His slate headstone has an inscription which can be summed up "as he that has no sin cast the first stone '. His wife is buried on the boundary with the new Rectory.

John's son is buried at the top of the path and on the right when you approach from Church Street.

I would think that the details of the saddle maker could be found in the relevant White Directory.

1863 Sarah Kimberlin is listed as school mistress at the Union House. 1883 John Kimberlin was the tenant at Home Farm.

Hope that is of some use.

Regards

Peter and Sheila”

Indeed, it is and was of use Peter. I shared the information with Jackie, and she responded with another email:

“Dear Nigel

You might also like to pass on a few details to Peter. Catherine Kimberlin of the Wheatsheaf is the widow of Thomas Kimberlin not John, and yes Thomas did indeed die in the town lock up - I have copies of the newspaper reports on his inquest - I think he was rather inebriated at the time - sampling his own stock I dare say! His father and the father of my John the saddler were brothers, in turn sons of Nathaniel Kimberlin.

The location of the graves is brilliant! About 20 years ago I remember looking round the graveyard and being disappointed that I could find no Kimberlin graves, except I think Amos. Mind you I still have trouble finding my grandparents grave at Leicester Welford Road and I know where it is!

I think the John's son mentioned buried in the churchyard is Amos who actually died near Pittsburgh, USA. He is the son of John's son of Thomas and Catherine.

The Sarah Kimberlin, schoolmistress in 1863 is the daughter of Thomas and Catherine and eventually emigrated to the US with her husband David Palmer.

John Kimberlin farmer in 1883 at Home Farm is a son of Thomas and Catherine.

I will definitely look into 30 Park Street more carefully.

Once again please do pass on my grateful thanks to all concerned.

Regards

Jackie Braim

Peter has been working in the Archive Room on a highly secret project which he may be persuaded to write about in a future Newsletter, I do hope so! On his way there one morning he called at St. Peter's Parish Church and took some photographs.



John Kimberlin



Thomas Kimberlin



Catherine Kimberlin

Dear Nigel

The pictures are fantastic, please thank Mr Loseby for his kind help.

The flat slate slab is Thomas Kimberlin, innkeeper of the Wheatsheaf.

The small headstone is indeed John his son, and his son Amos is commemorated at the bottom. It might have been this stone I saw though I have no record of it but do have a picture of Amos's headstone in Vandergrift, USA, so might have got them mixed up. The third headstone is I think for his wife Catherine. Enlarging it as much as I can I think it says, "In remembrance of Catherine wife of Thomas Kimberlin ..." and the date of 30 October 1866 is the date she died.

You have all helped me immeasurably, living up in Yorkshire I no longer have any reason to visit Leicestershire as I have no more close family there and now most of my research is done by computer - just not the same as having a good ferret round a graveyard!

Once again, my grateful thanks, and I have no problem with you reporting this in your newsletter.

Regards

Jackie Braim

I have placed Jackie in the 'satisfied Customer' file. With grateful thanks to both Peter and Sheila. If you know of any more information which would be of interest to Jackie, please get in touch with me. You can do so via the [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) email address or call me on 07930149408.

Our final question was from Sarah Bell an antipodean.

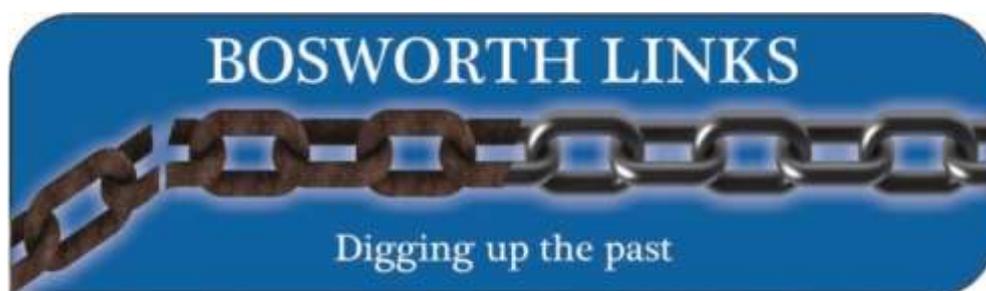
Sarah emailed the MBS via the [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) email address.

"Hoping that you can help me. I am trying to track down an archive copy of the Aspect magazine. An article on my late father appeared in it I'm guessing it would have been in the 70s or 80s his name was Tom Bill, and he ran the frozen food centre and butchers at Twycross. Any help or pointers you can give me will be gratefully received.

kind regards, Sarah Bell

I promised we would search for the article and at the moment its discovery is too late for this issue. Sarah's email prompted a memory of my own. I remember the Dawkins family. I recalled they were also butchers in Twycross. I remembered one occasion when I was admiring a bright red sports car parked at the Cattle Market. I was approached by the car owner who told me a bit about it. I remembered it as a Triumph Stag, but Sarah seems to think it was a Triumph Spitfire (whatever happened to car names? Back then they were exciting!). She confirmed the owner as John or Johnny Dawkins. He was a very friendly man. I think it is John on the video of the last market shared with us by Peter Bailiss.

If you have any information about Tom Bill or the Bill family do share it with me, and I will send it on to Sarah.



Since submitting the application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund we have been asked to answer a couple of questions and then there was a discussion about the MBS Constitution. Happily, at the Annual General Meeting last Thursday the members present unanimously backed the alterations and the next day I sent the new constitution off to the HLF. I then received confirmation that the application had been put forward for assessment. All we have to do now is keep everything crossed!

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Free Church Barton Lane on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
March 2022 at 6:45 pm**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Steve & Rosemary Sargent, Dick and Wendy Bates and Richard and Jean Liddington.
2. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM**  
*(Copies had been delivered to all members, previously)* These were accepted unanimously by those present as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda
4. **Chairman's report:** This was given by Nigel Palmer
5. **Treasurers Report:** This was given by Marion Lambourne. The accounts were unanimously accepted.
6. **Secretary's Report:** This was prepared by Beth Dawes (who retired as Secretary at this meeting) and read by Robert Leake
7. **Election of Officers:** Committee member Lynne Palmer had agreed to offer herself as Secretary. This was adopted unanimously.

All other officers and committee members offered themselves for re-election and were re-elected unanimously.

The committee is now:

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| a) Chairman          | Mr. Nigel Palmer  |
| b) Vice Chairman     | Mr. Robert Leake  |
| c) Treasurer         | Mrs. Marion Lambourne   |
| d) Secretary         | Mrs. Lynne Palmer   |
| e) Committee Members | Mrs. Glynis Oakley (Archivist) Mr. Martyn Andrews Mrs. Ingrid Davison |

8. **Subscription Rates:** The decision to maintain the subscription rates at the current level was adopted unanimously.
9. **Minor Amendments to the Constitution:** Members unanimously adopted the amendments to the Constitution.
10. **The date of the next Annual General Meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and will be held in The Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth.**

Meeting ended at 7:15pm

## **Attachments:**

Chairman's Report, Treasurers Report, Secretaries Report, Adopted Constitution.

## **Chairman's report**

I am delighted to be able to deliver my report to you. Despite a forced interruption we were able to recommence our lecture meetings with David, Roger and Marianne doing us proud in September, October, and November. (Looks up for Phil Tebbutt as no surnames)

I look forward to a full programme of speakers and visits put together by your committee, over the next 12 months. I would like to thank everyone who has served on the committee, our guest speakers, our hosts the Free Church. I am saddened by the death of Maurice Harris a member and good friend to the Society. I hope that we will be able to continue to hold our meetings here.

This may be my last year as Chairman as I feel the time to move on is approaching.

You will also be aware that the Society will again be supporting the Bosworth Links project as it moves into the surrounding villages, something not previously attempted.

The archive continues to attract donations. The work of cataloguing and preserving continues. Digitization is also progressing. Digitalisation will not only enable the Society to preserve the precious artefacts entrusted to its care but will ensure that the Archive is accessible to individuals and groups. There is much work to be done and volunteers will be grabbed!

Your committee keeps a watching brief upon planning application which effect the Conservation Area, vistas, and views together with the entrances to the Conservation Area. This latest year we have commented upon 26 applications. The Society was also represented in the Appeal Hearing by Richborough and Messrs Vernon, land in front of the old golf course. Due to a real community effort, we were successful in supporting the views of the community. The appeal failed and planning permission was refused.

Our website has been updated and is now much better protected than it ever was. We had 48,900 visitors to our top 10 pages last year. The home page is the most visited with 22,125 visits followed by The Virtual History page with 6492 and the Latest News Page moving to third position with 3873 visits. About 150% up on 2020

I would like to thank Gemma Tallis who has stepped up as admin for the Facebook page following the loss of founder George Lees. We currently have 604 members, up by 162 from 2020.

We have not taken full advantage of our guided walks offerings, created in 2019 and advertised on the website, but do plan a relaunch this year. Currently we have 3 guides and are looking for more to join us. Full training and insurance are provided. As is a very smart badge! Form an orderly queue.

I would like to reserve my greatest thanks for you, our members. Without your support there would be no Market Bosworth Society. No Archive, no Bosworth Links, No Town Trail Guide, no Lecture, and Visit Programme, you make these things possible, and I applaud you and thank you. But I am going to ask even more from you. I want each and every one of you to make it your determination to introduce one new member this year. We must maintain our numbers to continue to able to do the work we do. Please do not underestimate the effect the Society has upon the local community, all with your help. We offer superb value for money, 9 lectures and 2 Summer Visits, including an audience with Henry VIII for less than £2.00 per month.

Thank you, members that concludes your chairman's report

Nigel Palmer

Chairman.

I would now like to invite Marion Lambourn, Honourable Treasurer to present her Report.

# Treasurer's Report

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1	<b>Income</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>		<b>2018-19</b>		<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
2	Opening Balance General Account			£3,824		£4,268		£5,061	£4,427		£4,505		
3	<b>Closing Balance General Account</b>			<b>£4,268</b>		<b>£5,061</b>		<b>£4,427</b>	£4,505		£4,147		
4	Opening Balance Archive Account			£1,071		£1,174		£1,117	£1,137		£1,145		
5	<b>Closing Balance Archive Account</b>			<b>£1,174</b>		<b>£1,117</b>		<b>£1,137</b>	£1,145		£1,271		
6	Opening Balance Bosoworth Links Account			£611		£17,827		£4,252	£3,980		£3,961		
7	<b>Closing Balance Bosoworth Links Account</b>			<b>£17,827</b>		<b>£4,252</b>		<b>£3,980</b>	£3,961		£3,960		
8	Opening Balance 'B' Account			£2,660		£2,661		£2,665	£1,499		£1,535		
9	<b>Closing Balance 'B' Account</b>			<b>£2,661</b>		<b>£2,665</b>		<b>£1,499</b>	£1,535		£1,643		
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1	<b>Membership</b>	£593	£658	£623									
2					56 Joint	£504	50 Joint	£450	£306.00	17 Joint	£54	3 Joint	
3					28 single	£346	27 single	£324	£108.00	9 Single	£36	3 Single	
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5	Donations from Visitors to meetings	£340	£179	£142		£82		£115	nil		£24		
6	Sale of TTGs	£916	£667	£614		£587		£447	£49.00		£170		
7	Sale of books etc	£466	£45	£96		£82		£128	£65.00		£77		
8	Guided Walks	nil	£54	£180		£147		£36	nil		nil		
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11	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>		<b>2018-19</b>		<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
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13	Hire of venue	£153	£207	£150		£150		£185	£187		nil		
14	Speaker Expenses	£356	£500	£408		£310		£575	£30		£140		
15	Insurance	nil	nil	nil		£67		£90	£86		£90		
16	Website/Internet	£101	£265	£200		£138		£131	£106		£149		
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20	<b>Comments March 2022</b>												
21	<i>Due to the pandemic we were still unable to have a full programme of meetings this year. The virus has affected all aspects of the Society and this is reflected in the accounts and membership.</i>												
22	<i>For those members who did renew their membership, it will be carried forward to 2022-23.</i>												
23	<i>There was no hire charge of the Church facilities to pay as our payment in 2020-21 was carried forward to this year.</i>												
24	<i>During the year the Society commissioned postcards of the town and they are being sold at the Newsagents</i>												
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Cash in Hand	£4.26	Bank Charges	£10.40
Balance of HBC a/c 31/03/2021 Brought Forward	£4,505.12	Auditor Fee - S/O Davies	£25.00
Balance of HBC Archive a/c Brought Forward	£1,145.20	Market Insurance Public Liability	£93.00
Balance of HBC B a/c Brought Forward	£1,535.80	Paper Appeal - Wealth	£25.00
Balance of HBC Bosworth Links a/c	£3,960.67	Website - TSCHDST Domain Renewal	£10.14
B' Account Interest accrued	£9.10	Website - TSCHDST Domain renewal for Bosworth Links	£10.14
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>		Website - TSCHDST Internet package	£88.26
Joint Membership	£54.00	Website - Enjoy Market Bosworth entry	£36.00
Single Membership	£36.00	Stationery - Post Cards	£25.95
Donations - Meetings	£24.00	Graphic Print Photocopying Posters etc	£8.00
TTGs Sales	£16.00	<b>Visits &amp; Talks expenses</b>	
Sale of TTGs - Bosworth Hall	£50.00	Speaker Expenses - David Westbrook	£50.00
TTGs Sales - Bosworth Hall	£50.00	Speaker Expenses - David Hambleton	£40.00
TTGs Sales - Newsagent	£10.00	Speaker Expenses - Richard Kines	£50.00
TTGs Sales - Newsagent	£10.00	Rec Expenses - Keys out for Archive Room	£26.00
Sale of TTGs - Newsagent	£12.00	Rec Expenses - Prices for Court Quiz	£7.00
TTGs Sales (Bosworth Archive Account)	£10.00	Rec Expenses - Sanitiser for church chairs etc	£14.83
TTGs Sales - Guided Walks	£12.00	Purchase of Postcards	£34.00
Sale of books From an Open Wooded Hilltop	£15.00	Cash in Hand	£3.12
Sale of various books	£62.00	HBC Bank Balance	£4,147.00
Sale of 100 Postcards to Bosworth Newsagents	£37.00		
Memberships NOV (Pinner Losses)	£100.00		
	£4,147.00		
		General Funds	£4,147.00
		Archive	£1,271.20
		B'AC	£1,535.80
		Bosworth Links	£3,960.67
		Total of HBC Bank Account	£4,147.00

## **Secretaries Report:** (Read by our Vice Chairman on behalf of the Secretary).

I am pleased to report that despite being unable to hold meetings due to the lockdowns our members have returned to support the Society. The last three lectures have been very well attended. Thank you.

Over the last year much of our work has been badly disrupted but we are beginning again to make progress and the digitalisation of the Archive is moving ahead albeit slowly. During the lockdowns we regularly contribute to Aspect and The Graphic and are grateful for the publication of our articles. Sales of TTGs have been slow but our loyal outlets are beginning to report sales again. The Newsletter was maintained during lockdown with other information being shared as it became available.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a volunteer walk guide, serve on the committee or any of the sub-committees do let us know. Should any member have a suggestion for a lecture, or a Newsletter article then please contact any committee member. Thank you for being a member and attending our lecture meetings.

Beth Dawes, Secretary



## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. THE AIMS**

The Aims of the Market Bosworth Society (Society) are to promote and stimulate interest in the Parish of Market Bosworth and the local area. Its environs called the Area and to preserve the heritage of the Area in the public interest.

### **2. THE INITIATIVES**

The Society shall use the following initiatives: - To promote or assist activities of a charitable nature in the Area that enhances the conservation of the Area.

Hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions as well as arranging visits to places of interest in the surrounding area.

Stimulate public opinion and debate and offer advice and information.

Help or promote research into our local heritage.

Publish reports, papers, maps, books, and other literature, as well as using new technology, such as websites, to inform the general public.

Raise monies as required for these initiatives from whatever sources the Committee deems fit. All income must be applied towards the organisation's objectives and for no other purpose.

Respond to issues that affect the heritage or wellbeing of the Area, by providing reports to the Parish Council or to statutory bodies and others.

Take initiatives on any issues that the Committee feel the Society should get involved with, that are in line with the stated aims, including planning applications as appropriate.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Is open to any person interested in furthering the aims of the Society.

Members must have paid their subscriptions currently to vote at meetings.

Subscriptions shall be due yearly, at the AGM (March) and shall be determined by a majority vote by the membership, after being advised by the Committee of its recommendations.

Members under the age of 16 will be accepted at half the adult rate but they will not be allowed to vote.

The financial year shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

With the exception of expenses legitimately incurred in the furtherance of the Society's aims, no funds can be distributed to Society members or the organising committee during the organisation's lifetime or upon dissolution.

### **4. OFFICERS**

Officers of the Society shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer with up to five other members making up the Committee.

All Committee Members shall stand down at the AGM but can put their names forward for re-election.

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be in writing to the Honorary Secretary one week in advance of the AGM from a paid-up member of the Society who has obtained the consent of the proposed nominee.

The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee Members and all Officers will be required to sign the Society's 'Intellectual & Moral Rights' form if their application is successful.

Nominees for election as Officers or Committee Members shall declare, at the AGM at which their election is considered, any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society and must be members of the Society (MBS).

### **5. THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee is expected to meet not less than three times a year and the Honorary Secretary shall give Committee Members at least one week's notice of such meetings.

A quorum shall be five members of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies that occur during the year by co-option from the Membership.

All co-opted committee members will be required to sign the Society's 'Intellectual & Moral Rights' form.

Sub-committees may be formed by the Committee from the Membership, where expedient, and such sub-committees shall report to the Committee, with the Committee monitoring their actions against the terms of reference drawn up for each.

All sub-committee members will be required to sign the Society's 'Intellectual & Moral Rights' form.

The Committee shall advise the membership of all ordinary meetings throughout the year and give two weeks' notice of the AGM meeting which shall be held in March of each year.

#### **6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

SGMs can be called either by the Committee with at least five Committee Members requesting this or by at least ten Members of the Society in writing to the Honorary Secretary stating clearly the issue to be debated. Only that issue will be debated at the Special General Meeting. Voting shall be by a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at the meeting.

The Chairman of the SGM can vote on all issues and in the event of equality of votes shall have an additional casting vote.

#### **7. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority at the AGM or SGM with twenty-eight days' notice of such a meeting given to the membership.

#### **8. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY**

The Society can be dissolved by a two thirds majority vote at the AGM or an SGM and confirmed at a further SGM at least two weeks after the first.

At the dissolution of the Society all assets available, after paying off all creditors, shall be, distributed to another charitable/not for profit organisation as approved by the Committee and also approved by the Dissolution Meeting. No Society funds can be distributed to Society members or the organising committee upon dissolution beyond the reimbursement of legitimately incurred expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

Where possible the records of the Society shall be offered to the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester, and Rutland.

All artefacts shall be offered to local museums or returned to the donor.

**This constitution was unanimously approved by the Members attending the Market Bosworth Society's AGM on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**



**Signed by Nigel Palmer, Chairman 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**