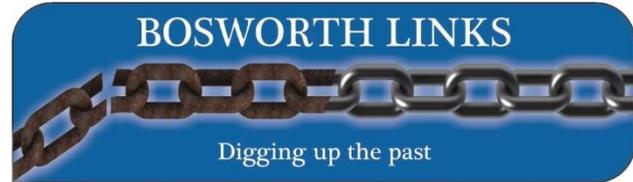


# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY



August 2022

## Volunteers Needed!



Bosworth Links is moving on, as you probably already know. On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September digs will be taking place in Carlton and Coton. After delays in receiving confirmation of our grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund it has all been a bit of a rush. We had a flat choice, abandon 2022 or go for it. The sub-committee went for it and plans are forging ahead. But we need volunteers! We have vacancies for all roles. Don't worry about being fit. If you are healthy enough to sit down, you can take part! If you did not take part in the Market Bosworth digs here is your chance! It is a lot of fun, you meet and make new friends, you learn about the villages and the finds you excavate. You share the experiences and at the end

of it all we have a bar-be-que to enjoy! So, what do you do? Three things:

1. Go to [Volunteer Form < Market Bosworth Society](#) and fill in the volunteer form
2. Email Gemma using [gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com) with any questions
3. Email all of your friends, relatives, neighbours and tell them about the dig.

If there are any doubters show them this [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_KMH-tDBnpY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KMH-tDBnpY) the excellent video filmed and edited by the talented Bill Newsinger.

No experience is needed, full training and safety briefings will be given. All ages are welcome, age is no barrier to taking part in this project. We really do need your help so come on, (all together now) **“Let's go time travelling!”**

**Next Lecture 15th September 2022 “Growing Up at Hall Farm, Osbaston – Alan Eames”.**



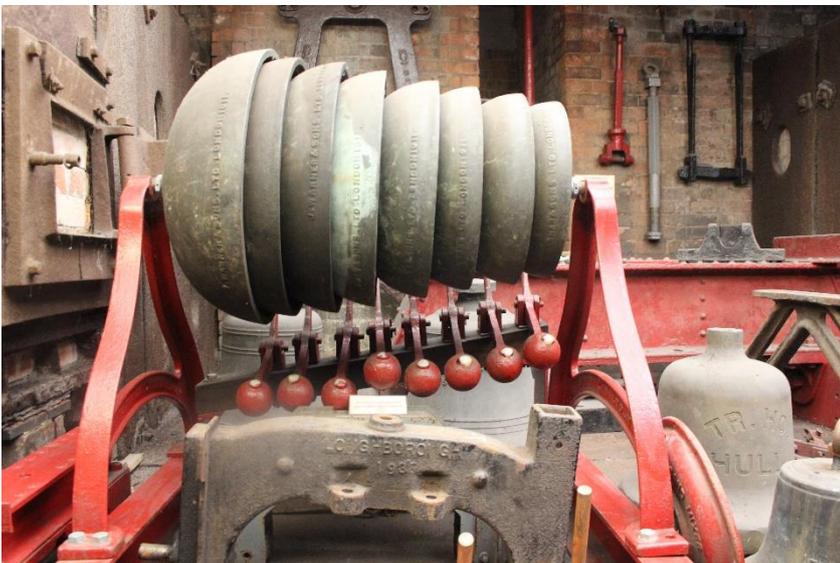
The lecture in September will be a rather special event as it will be given by local man Alan Eames who many of you will know. I bumped into Alan at the Dixie Grammar School Founders Day and asked if he would give the Society a lecture. I was delighted when Alan agreed and am looking forward to it immensely. Guests will be welcome to this lecture, but I must warn you that local events such as this fill up very quickly and admission (£3.00 per guest) is subject to seating availability, members will be seated first. Do make a note in your diary, for the 15<sup>th</sup> September at The Free Church, Barton Lane, Market Bosworth. The

lecture will begin at 7:30 pm.

## Summer Visit to Taylors Bell Foundry, Loughborough.



Thirty members made their way to Loughborough to visit the Bell Foundry. Another planned visit delayed by you know what. We looked forward to an interesting and informative tour and were not disappointed. The buildings dating back to the 1800's housed several interesting rooms and galleries to which we had access. Mustering in the Museum we enjoyed a look at the books and items on display. After a quick headcount we were ushered to an upstairs room to watch a video which showed the history of the foundry and how bells were made. The castings used to make bells were constructed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and are still in use today. We then split into two groups for our tour of the foundry. We were instructed not to touch anything as it would be both dirty and dangerous! With this in mind we entered the first building. Within were bells being repaired and retuned. The current method of tuning bells was discovered in 1870 and involves machining material from the inside of the bell until it sounds the perfect note. Bells play three or more notes when struck. Most of us could only hear one note but when various parts of the bell are struck the notes could be heard. The clapper is always aimed at the thickest part of the bell, this is to prevent wear and tear and possible cracking. Surprisingly, we learned that by removing material the note was lowered and not higher as expected (apologies to the musicians here). We were given a demonstration of the varied materials used for bells, Bell metal (being an alloy of copper and tin in a 4:1 ratio), aluminium brass and steel. Brass is the closest to bell metal but by comparison steel and aluminium sound flat. Ships bells were not made of brass to protect against erosion by salt but to give the sailors something to do on a long trip. Brass polishes up very nicely!



We were shown how a large circular metal table was used to construct the wheels which are used to ring the bells once in situ. The wood is Ash as it can be bent to shape after steaming and once cool keeps its new shape. The table had been in use since the factory was opened and used imperial measurements. It was quite nice to see inches and fractions of inches in use. As we progressed through the various stages we saw many bells being tuned and repaired ready to be returned. Taylor's is an international company and supplies bells worldwide. There were bells awaiting shipment to Australia, America, Indonesia. The picture above was of a set of bells in the museum. It was taken from a church which was to be repurposed as a dwelling. The family who had donated the bells had been offered them back and they in turn donated them to Taylor's for an exhibit. They were used in a church and sounded very much like full bells but possibly not quite so loud. An economy solution to enable the church to call the congregation to prayer and to mark other events.

I have uploaded some of the images to the website if you would care to look here is the link: [Taylors Bell Foundry Visit August 2022 Gallery Page](#). « [Market Bosworth Society](#)

We were one of the last groups to visit the Bell Foundry as they are about to close for several years to carry out renovations and improvements. A big thank you to everyone who attended and made it a lovely visit and a summer highlight.

But there is more!



Peter Loseby, who was on the visit, returned home and as part of other research discovered the December 1979 Aspect. The explanation for the photograph reads “Our picture (shown left) this month shows the eight bells of St. Peter’s Church displayed in the chancel of the church at the time of their re-dedication on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 1950. All eight bells bear a descriptive Latin inscription. Five of the bells are ancient; one is dated 1624, another 1630; and a another was given by Beaumont Dixie for “the most happy return of King Charles II” in 1658.

A plaque in the church tells us that these five bells were restored in 1950 in memory of those who fell in the Second World War. At the same time, the three additional bells were added “one by members of the Jackson family, one in memory of the Rector’s daughter, and one by the children of the Sunday School.”

The rector shown in the picture is Canon Payne, who was Rector of Bosworth from 1931 to 1954.

When the three new bells were added, the original five were lowered by 16’ (feet or 4.87 metres) as the spire would not have stood the vibration at the greater height.

Neil Robinson  
Rector.

One interesting fact I learned, when the spire was being refurbished, is that the spire actually rocks when the bells are rung! That is why the bells were not allowed to be rung whilst the scaffolding was erected for the recent refurbishment. Peter went on to tell me that he was informed that Taylor’s carry out an annual inspection of the bells and their mountings (headstocks as we discovered during the visit) to ensure they are in excellent and safe condition.

Thank you, for sharing Peter.

## Last Month



Phil Tebbutt thinks that the horseman was possibly Canon Bounds. He could be correct, anyone else recognise anyone here?

Best wishes to Phil who has been unwell and unable to go to the Bell Foundry, I am sure we all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

I have to make a correction for last month, the painter of the thatched cottage was Ron Cook not Richard Cook. My apologies and thanks to Phil for pointing that out.

## Breaking News!

### The Forge, House and attached boundary wall, 13-15 Park Street, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, CV13 0LL - Awarded Listed Building Status List Entry Number: 1482523



The Market Bosworth society was pleased to receive an email from Adam Dean, Listing Co-ordinator – Midlands, Historic England with the news. Following an application by the Market Bosworth Society to add the above building to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, Historic England have now considered all the representations made and completed their assessment of the application.

We were delighted to learn that following submission of a recommendation by Historic England, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport had decided to add The Forge,

House and attached boundary wall, 13-15 Park Street to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II. The Society had proposed only 13 Park Street, The Forge. This listing will help to protect the heritage of Market Bosworth and the surrounding area. The Forge is the last example of a traditional forge capable of working as intended in this area and possibly the last in Leicestershire.

The link below is to download a copy of the Historic England advice report, which gives the principal reasons for this decision. The List entry for this building, together with a map, has now been published on the National Heritage List for England, and will be available for public access.

<http://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=CD95C83F-2F64-44B0-8D9A-F393719B03D6&cn=18B484AA-F19F-4FBD-BB83-4F5D67395D94>

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, the local planning authority, will now be preparing the statutory notices required under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

You may visit the Historic England website here:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/listed-buildings/listing-and-the-errr/> (you may need to hold down the Ctrl key whilst hovering)

The Society wishes to say thank you to all who shared photographs and memories which helped to secure the success of this application. Well done to everyone!

Please remember you may need to hold down your Ctrl key (usually bottom left of your keyboard whilst hovering your cursor over the links to enliven them. If anyone was wondering why it is called a cursor, then in computer user interfaces, a cursor is an indicator used to show the current position for user interaction on a computer monitor or other display device that will respond to input from a text input or pointing device. The mouse cursor is also called a pointer, owing to its resemblance in usage to a pointing stick. Wikipedia. Are we at the bottom of the page yet? Ah, near enough!

## Following Newbold Verdon here is another walk for you.

Reading the July Newsletter Walter Baynes was reminded of an article written some years back in 2008. Walter is always highly complementary about the Newsletter and tells me it is one of his favourite reads. Usually just before he asks me to do something.... Anyway, here is an article that Walter Shared which I enjoyed reading and hope you will too.

**John Poole, Rev. Brian Hill, and Norman Gilliver.  
Outside Kingdom Hall, Newbold Verdon, 12th May 2008.**



Monday 12th May 2008, a beautiful, hot sunny day. Just right for a good walk in the countryside of Leicestershire. Why not? Armed with walking sticks, knee supports and trusses, three old Dixie stalwarts of yesteryear, all born and bred in Newbold Verdon, set out, with some trepidation to retrace those fields and footpaths where they had enjoyed the earlier years of their lives.

Picture the scene. at 10.30 a. m. outside Kingdom Hall, at the top of Mill Lane in Newbold. Cry your hearts out, you aficionados of *The Last of the Summer Wine*!

It all began at The Cock Inn, Sibson, on Tuesday 22nd April, venue for the 1943/44/45 Dixie intake biennial "Nosh", when some thirty or so ex-pupils, wives and husbands got together for a very convivial meal aided by the odd tipple, which becomes such an

enjoyable occasion.

"Do you fancy a trip down memory lane"? said Brian. "John is interested, how about you? Five miles? We'll plan a route". Decision made. Date to be fixed. Hope for good weather.

It had to be Newbold Verdon, where each of us first saw the light of day The village has changed enormously from those early days and since none of us now live there, we all had to make our way there by car. So punctual as always (inspired by Mr. Gosling!), we all turned up dressed for the occasion. trying to regain the vitality of youth.

I have to list by age, seniors first: John Poole, ex Newbold Heath. now of Leicester Forest East, married to Janet Shaw of Newbold: Brian Hill (Chubby). now a retired Baptist Minister living in Earl Shilton and married to Christine Causon. also, of Newbold; and then the youngest (by far!). Norman Gilliver, a retired nobody, married to Evelyn Hodgkinson, formerly of Bilstone. now living in Stourport-on-Severn. Worcestershire.

What a lot of ground we had to cover, physically, on foot, and mentally, each of us still blessed with excellent memories, recalling times gone by. Events of all descriptions, old colleagues and characters, members of staff, sporting and cultural events at the school, military service, families we all knew, the list is endless.

So, we set of down Harry's Lane, right along the Black Pad, past what was once the site of Grandad's allotment (everyone had one during the war years): down the Mansfoot, with a distant sighting of the semi-ruins of Halifax Cottage, known locally as The Hook". where John lived for a few years in his early teens. and on to Fisher's Brook (minnows, sticklebacks. watercress, owl's nests in the old broken willow, crab-apples, hazel nuts, mushrooms): over the brook by the bridge that Brian helped to build when he was on the Parish Council. Past Eggsges (?) where Derek (Sto) Statham's dad had a smallholding. (The old lavatory pans used to be emptied in those fields!) How those stiles are becoming harder to climb. Please find us a few gates!

Ah yes! Here we are heading to the Fox covert, and the path leads into Merrylees Road, with a good view across to Desford church. Turn left along the road to Newbold Heath, past 'Big Bill's' old shack, which ain't there no more! Then its onwards past the site of the long-demolished Craigmere Farm on the right where John was born and left into the entrance to Chater Farm. home of the Bates family. It still is, and an old pupil, Brenda Loseby, is married to Roland. So, we stopped for a chat and more reminiscences! Through the fields to the Hollow, which was excellent for sledging. (Remember that fantastic, snowed up winter of 1947? With

hindsight a lot of hardship, but for us kids, maybe some fond memories). Through the gate to the Pingle, on the left, then up Stoney Hill and back to Harry's Lane and the cars. What a memorable walk (and we're still no older than sixteen!). We all lasted the trek, in spite of Brian's offer of a free funeral should any of us succumb.

To wind up the occasion we then drove to the Blue Bell at Desford, met up again with Evelyn and sat down to a very satisfying meal and a welcome pint of Everards.

It was very remiss of me to not pay my full share of the cost of the meal. (I confess to a Senior Moment) but am quite happy to go on record, in print., to promise to pay John the full amount of £6.50 when we next meet, hopefully at the full Dixie reunion in October 2008- What a long-winded I.O.U.!

So, there you have it. Yet another memory implanted among so many along life's way.

Looking at the photo (if Walter deigns to reproduce it) you have to admit that we don't look too worse for wear. If any of you, whatever your ages, can manage such a renewal of old friendships, do have a go. You'll enjoy it! Norman Gilliver (le Bourgeois Gentilhomme) 21st July 2008. First published on the DGSA website in 2008. Sadly, both John and Brian have passed away, but I'm pleased to report that Norman is still living in Stourport on Severn with his wife Evelyn.

## Smiles from Beth

During lockdown Beth kept me smiling with her amusing emails and fascinating images. Many of which I shared with you. Although Beth has retired from the Committee she keeps in touch and here is one of the emails she shared with me. It made me laugh aloud.

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 59- and 60-degrees north latitude and between 107- and 108-degrees west longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "how did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is that I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be a politician." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is, you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

## This Month's Quiz - It's all about you!

Bosworth Links has kept me pretty busy this month, that and a few other matters and I have not had time to research any shields or a quiz, but Beth shared this with me in the form of a video and I thought I could turn it into an interesting quiz. So here it is. As it is about you there will be no celebrating unless you get 100%. I have verified as many of the answers as I can, prompted by not believing them! But as far as I can tell they are all correct. Have fun!

- 1) How much blood does the average heart pump in one day?
- 2) On average how many times does the heartbeat in a day?
- 3) How many breaths are taken on average each day?
- 4) What is the capacity in litres of a typical pair of lungs?
- 5) How does the body repair or remove damaged DNA?
- 6) Averagely how many thoughts do we have every day?
- 7) What can stomach acid dissolve?
- 8) How many times does an average person blink in a day?

- 9) How long does a blink last?
- 10) How long does it take the brain to weigh up a visual scene?
- 11) How much heat is expelled in an average day?
- 12) How long does it take a red blood cell to complete a full circuit?
- 13) How many trips around your body does a red blood cell make in a day?
- 14) How long do red blood cells live?
- 15) How many skin cells does an average person shed each day?
- 16) What is the average surface area of the skin?
- 17) How long does each human hair grow in one day?
- 18) How many hairs are in a full scalp?
- 19) How much hair is grown each day?
- 20) Averagely how many words are spoken each day?
- 21) How much blood does the liver filter each minute?
- 22) How much bile is produced daily?
- 23) How much saliva is produced each day?
- 24) How much blood do kidneys filter every minute?
- 25) How much urine does an average kidney expel each day?
- 26) How much do we grow whilst asleep?
- 27) How many hours does it take for food to pass through the stomach?
- 28) How long does it take for food to complete the digestive process?
- 29) How much food is averagely consumed in a lifetime?
- 30) How long does it take for tase buds to be replaced with new buds?
- 31) How long does the body take to replace bones?
- 32) How long does the body take to regenerate a new heart?

Hope you enjoyed that, some startling facts Hopefully we will be back to a historically based quiz next month. If anyone has one to hand, please share. Answers are at the end.

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Nigel Palmer  
Chairman

#### Answers

- 1) 2000 gallons or if you prefer 7571 litres per day
- 2) 100, 000 times.
- 3) 17,000
- 4) 6 litres
- 5) Produces specialised Enzymes
- 6) 60,000 (35 -48 per minute)
- 7) Metals!
- 8) 28,800
- 9) 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a second
- 10) 0.01 seconds
- 11) 25 lightbulbs worth (no extra points will be awarded for calculating the wattage).
- 12) 60 seconds
- 13) 1440
- 14) 40 days or 60,0000 trips
- 15) 1,000,000+ cells. Most end up as dust....

- 16) 18 square feet or 2 square metres
- 17)  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm
- 18) 100,000
- 19) 50 metres worth (for a full head of hair. I am down to around 25 metres)
- 20) Men 2000 women 5000 (I did look this one up just in case).
- 21) 1.43 litres or 2.51 pints
- 22) 1.4 pints just under 1 litre
- 23) 1.5 litres or 2.64 pints
- 24) 1.3 litres or 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  pints (1872 litres per day or 3168 pints)
- 25) 1.4 litres or 2.5 pints
- 26) 8mm (but we shrink during the day)
- 27) 6-8 hours
- 28) 2 days
- 29) 50 tonnes
- 30) 10 days
- 31) 10 years
- 32) 20 years