

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

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Dear Member

Welcome to your June Newsletter, I hope you enjoy reading it and find it interesting. Please send in any articles you have written, edited, or found which you think other members may enjoy. I aim for a variety of articles within the range of the Constitution to make the newsletter interesting and informative.

An item of news I would like to bring to your attention is a planning application. The Forge 13-15 Park Street is under reference 22/00473/FUL for conversion to a 6-bedroom hotel. If you go to <https://pa.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/online-applications/> and enter the reference number, the full application can be seen. Oddly, there are no dates available yet but as it is out for consultation any comments will normally be expected within 28 days of publication. I will be sad to see the end of The Forge after almost 300 years. If you wish to comment on the application, you may do so using the same URL (Uniform Resource Locator – website address to you and me) and entering the same reference number.

## **An Audience with King Henry VIII Report**



Those of you who have taken part in Bosworth Links will be familiar with time travel. Usually, we are transported back to unspecified ages by the items we discover. This time we were transported to the year 1544. The king was aged 53 and was nearing his death at the age of just 55. Pulling no punches and saving no blushes the King gave us his personal testimony of his life. Thrown, suddenly into the role of Prince of Wales following the premature death of his older brother Arthur who died aged just 15, after being married for 7 months. Henry was unprepared for his new role as he was not educated as the future monarch. Henry was just 10 at the death of his beloved brother. Henry explained that marriages for kings were not for love or romance but for associations and unions to be formed. It was decided that Arthur

would marry Catherine of Aragon to continue to build an alliance with Spain to help to quell the aggressive French. Arthur's premature death brought that pact into doubt and so Henry was told he would marry his brother's wife. Henry explained that he was happy with this arrangement and following their marriage they were happy. Close on the heels of alliances came the desire for an heir, a male heir. Henry was disappointed in his daughters because they were not males, how times have changed!

King Henry documented his row with the pope which lasted for 5 years until as protector of the faith King Henry decided to separate England from papal supremacy and made an extremely complicated and robust argument for so doing. We heard in turn about all of his wives and why he was dissatisfied with them. They could not bear him a surviving son. Only Edward VI survived long enough to succeed King Henry VIII, even his natural child Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond died aged just 17. After Catherine became too old to bear him a son King Henry VIII moved on to Ann Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and finally Catherine Parr when once again the king claimed them to be happy. All the wives were explained. Interestingly Henry utilised the technology of the day when seeking a replacement following the death of Jane Seymour. He sent Hans Holbein a celebrated portrait artist to paint Anne and her sister. Upon his return Holbein presented his work to King Henry VIII and the king chose Anne. It appears that technology then had its glitches as when she arrived in England, the king hurried to meet her and was disappointed saying "I like

her not". It appears that Holbein had not been truthful in his representation. They wed and divorced in the same year.

King Henry VIII detailed his many sporting activities and achievements. He had a jousting accident which resulted in him breaking his leg. He broke it again when he fell from his horse. The horse landing on top of him making him unconscious for some time. This time the break would not mend and plagued him throughout the rest of his life.

At times, the portrayal was so passionate and convincing I found it difficult to believe that King Henry VIII had not been reincarnated and walked amongst us. The Audience lasted for almost two hours, in very heavy robes (I know I had to help him on with them) the King Gave his account and then held a very entertaining question and answer session. This was where the King gave us, his loyal yet unwashed subjects the benefit of his wisdom and opinions (his words not mine). I have received nothing but positive feedback for the event enjoyed by an audience of almost 100 members and guests. I must thank Bosworth Hall for supplying the venue and at the last minute agreeing to free parking. It seemed somewhat fitting for King Henry to return to Bosworth where his father's reign had started a few short miles distant in the Fenn Lanes.

I can heartily recommend King Henry VIII (aka John S White BA (Hons) MA. PGCE. FINS and Equity Member) to anyone looking for a special event. You can contact John via 07956 611 482 or his website [www.selectsociety.co.uk](http://www.selectsociety.co.uk) or [www.kinghenry8th.com](http://www.kinghenry8th.com) or on Facebook King Henry the Eighth of That Name. I am hoping to invite John back again in one of his guises to entertain and inform us in a most interesting and entertaining manner.

## Next Month – Summer Visit A guided Tour of Newbold Verdon

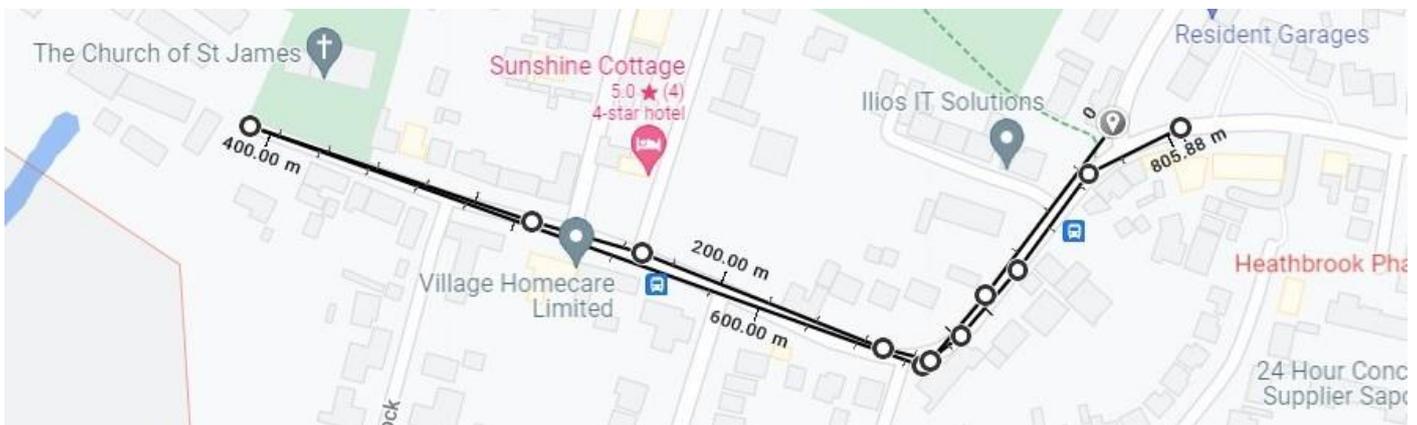
Last year Lynne and I went on this tour by Roger King. Roger did such an excellent job of bringing early 20th century Newbold Verdon to life we just had to organise a Summer Visit. Those of you who attended Roger's lecture about Newbold Verdon, "The History Beneath Your Feet" know he has a happy knack of teasing out interesting, rare, and unusual information. Roger agreed to give us a tour and we have arranged with Libertean Coffee Shop situated in Main Street for a Cream Tea! Please register your interest, via [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com), in attending as soon as possible in order that I may start to finalise the arrangements. This will be an excellent start to our Summer Visits, and I hope you will all come and enjoy the guided walk and social event afterwards (or before depending upon numbers).



Above are a few of the places and people you may see and meet along the way. Do please come along and have a lovely walk (about ½ mile and 60 minutes) and a great afternoon cream tea in lovely company! Interested? Then please ensure you book your place by calling me, 07930149408 or emailing [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com)

I will need to know firm numbers shortly so if you have not expressed an interest please do so. We have a few places left for this visit. To ensure that everyone has the chance to ask questions and to interact with Roger, he has asked us to limit the group sizes. To make this work there will be two walks. The first will be at 14:00 (2:00 pm). The second will be at 16:30 (4:30 pm) The CREAM TEA will be at 15:30 (3:30 pm). Some members will have the guided walk and then tea, others will have tea and then the guided walk. I have negotiated a **special deal of £5.00** for a cup of tea/filter coffee scone, clotted cream & jam. That is because we are prebooking. This is the same price as the last time we had a cream tea at the Glenfield Tunnel! Please call or email with your first and second choice (walk then tea or tea then walk). This way we will all be together for tea.

The walk is about 806 metres or just over ½ mile. See the map below. There are plenty of rest spots as Roger pauses to bring the buildings and characters alive. Lynne and I were amazed at the depth of knowledge about the buildings and the people Roger had amassed. You will, I am sure enjoy the walk.



## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee



I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Her majesty. Thank you to those who have sent me some photographs. I am most grateful and there are some great pics.

I have turned a few of them into a collage to protect the innocent, but the original images will be placed in the Market Bosworth Society Archive.

These photographs show how Market Bosworth can celebrate and how friends and neighbours get together to help each other celebrate too.

If you feel left out and have some photographs, don't worry. Send them to me and I will put them in the July edition or if you prefer just the Archive. You can attach your photographs to an email and send to me at [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) I would love to see them.

## Can you help?



Last month we were asked for help to name the people in this photograph and the location of where it was taken. First to respond was Peter Loseby who sent me an email "I have always been of the opinion that the cottage was the row set at right angles to Station Road opposite or near enough to the Board Room at the Westhaven. This was where Harry March lived as well as Mr & Mrs Grainger. John Thorp later told me that he certain that the cottage was the one referred to by Peter. The cottage is no longer present having been demolished some years ago. Glynis confirmed that it was the boxer Larry Gains, and the consensus is that that it was Harry

March using the grinder. As yet I have been unable to name the other three people in the photograph. Could they be part of the March family or even the Grainger's who lived close by? Peter followed up with, "last month we discussed the Larry Holmes photo. I still think that it was taken outside the thatched cottage opposite the Westhaven.

I mentioned that Mrs Gilbert lived in one of the cottages and have since learnt that she was the daughter of Harry March senior and sister of the Harry March who we remember. She had a son called Geoffrey Gilbert who would have been Colin March's cousin. If he is still alive, he will be around 78.

Regards Peter". Thanks to all who have added to the knowledge, some wishing to do so anonymously, which is fine. If you have any ideas, please get in touch.

## Archive Enquiry

We received this enquiry via email:

To whom it may concern,

I am bringing my two adult sons to visit Market Bosworth in July. My father brought me as a child in 1974, and it made quite an impression on me. I have always longed to return, and finally have the opportunity. My maiden name is Jesson and I remember making grave rubbings of multiple ancestors. My great grandfather Jesson emigrated to the USA from Market Bosworth. But many of my relatives lived in the area and many distant ones still may. The Jesson name in the US is quite uncommon, I have never met another that I am not related to. But in that graveyard in 1974, I was amazed by the number of Jesson gravestones and current listings in the local phone book.

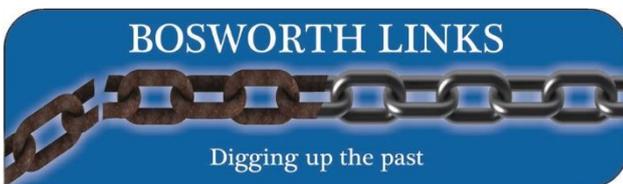
I would be greatly indebted if someone in your association might tell me which graveyard to look in. The name, I do not recall, only the experience. From searching online it looks like perhaps it was St Peters, but I am uncertain. Your help in this endeavour would be so appreciated and I would be honoured to make a donation to the society in memory of my relatives.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to my visit in July.

Sincerely,

Deana Hankins

Robert is researching St Peter's Parish Church records and will include it in Ask Aspect, but I am sure a member will have some information to share...



I have started the process of accepting the offer of a grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund! We still have several documents to complete before we can actually get started and draw any funds, but the Bosworth Links Committee are working on them.

We have a lot of work to do now to be ready for September. We are still planning for the second weekend in September, the 10th and 11th so please keep your diaries free for this date. I will confirm the date as soon as possible. It will be great to get old and new volunteers together and do some time travelling. Who's with me?

## The Queen's Baton



Reporting of politician' activities has been extremely negative recently and so it is refreshing to have something positive to say. MP for Bosworth, Dr. Luke Evans has been successful in his campaign for the Commonwealth Games Baton to pass through Market Bosworth. The details as we understand them are:

### **Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay**

The baton relay will pass through Market Bosworth on Thursday 21 July. The relay is expected to start at 10.50 am from the junction of Springfield Avenue and finish at 11.10 am outside Bosworth Hall Hotel. There will be rolling road closures and people are encouraged to attend on foot. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council are leading the occasion, working with local schools, groups, and clubs to make for what should be a memorable occasion. On 26.06.22 HBBC confirmed they are contacting local businesses

to inform them of the relay route and potential disruptions and to ensure there are no events on the day that may cause disruption.

The Sports Club has confirmed that the baton relay will call at the Sports Club facilities at 10.30 am on Wellesborough Road for about 20 minutes as part of the event. There will be up to 11 vehicles in the convoy. The Parish Council will support the event where it can and will endeavour to update the community on preparations as they are confirmed. Information can be found on the website

<https://www.activehb.org.uk/birmingham-2022-queens-baton-relay> and [Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay to visit Market Bosworth on Thursday 21 July | Market Bosworth Parish Council \(marketbosworth-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.birmingham2022.org.uk/queen-s-baton-relay-to-visit-market-bosworth-on-thursday-21-july/)

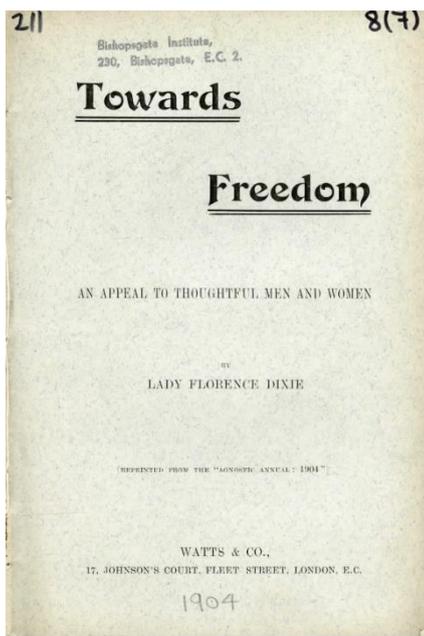
My thanks to Cathy Monkman, Parish Clerk for permission to use this excerpt.

## Lady Florence Dixie

During her lecture last month Penny Griffiths-Morgan spoke about Lady Florence Dixie, saying that not only was she ahead of her time she was a truly inspirational woman. This prompted Peter Loseby to share some of his research with me for publication here. The image of the frontispiece is by courtesy of Peter Loseby and the transcription taken from Humanist Heritage website. In her pamphlet Lady Florence explains her loss of faith and the reasons behind it. I have reported it here in full for you to form your own judgement.

### Towards Freedom: an appeal to thoughtful men and women

*Towards Freedom* (1904) was first printed in the *Agnostic Annual*, and subsequently as a pamphlet by Watts & Co. The pamphlet is a scathing formal accusation of the effect of Christianity on the rights of women and calls on its readers to reject superstition of all kinds. Written in 1904, the year before her death, Lady Florence was then aged 49.



*“Woman! the future holds a power for thee.  
Thy will shall rule the feeble hands of kings;  
Thy love shall drive men mad or make them great,  
According as 'tis used. Within thy pow'r  
A mighty wisdom lies to be diffused  
For good or evil over all the world,  
And men, whose pow'r a hundred lands obey,  
Shall be as children in a woman's hand.  
For she shall ever bear that influence strange,  
A sacred pow'r, the heirloom of her race,  
Which fills a kingdom or exalts a throne.”*

At the age of fourteen I wrote those words, and I feel that when I did so it was not so much a child's hand that penned the conception as the intuitive fingers of the seer.

It has been said that 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' and to a certain extent I subscribe to that dictum. Man has left the early years of the child in woman's care, and it is from her: that it receives its first lessons and its earliest impressions. These lessons and impressions are seeds sown on fruitful soil. They take root, blossom, bear the usual results, and multiply upon the face: of the earth. At the tender age the majority of children leave their mother's care and are committed to that of "barrack" schools, wherein the early curriculum of the mother is extended and enlarged; but the main point is never lost sight of: I mean the inequality of the sexes, which is proclaimed to be God-ordained. The "rib" doctrine is, in fact, sternly enforced. Now, what is the root of this doctrine? The answer is, Inequality. The whole is greater than its part. The man, therefore, by divine dispensation, is greater than woman because she is but a part of him. She is the rib. Religion says this is the law of God; I say it is that of man. Superstition declares it to be a divine ordinance; I maintain it is a barbaric one. Superstition and barbaric law go hand-in-hand. It is the former which creates the latter; and the acceptance of superstition by woman has been, and is, the cause of her subserviency and her degradation, for she is governed by barbaric law, which places the entire ruling power in the hands of the

male. The male, true and faithful to the lessons he received after leaving the cradle, firstly at his mother's knee, secondly in his barrack school, upholds the superstition he was taught to reverence, and proclaims as just and right the barbaric law it enforces. Has not his own mother assured him, at an age when all he learns from her lips is almost indelibly imprinted on his mind, that the rib doctrine is a sacred and divine one? If he supports a religion enforcing it, and makes laws in accordance with its teaching, can he be blamed? The whole is assuredly a more important personage than its part, and, as a consequence, is entitled to premier consideration. Upon this assumption are based the sacred laws assigning government, property, marital supremacy: – the possession of children, the premier rights of succession to crowns and estates, Church supremacy, and, in fact, sex privilege and masculine monopoly of power to the male sex. If woman is disinherited, which she assuredly is, she is such in consequence of barbaric law, the child of superstition, which she nurses.

As the boy goes to his barrack school, to their complete in unnatural surroundings his early education, so goes the girl to hers. In these male and female barracks the rib doctrine is all paramount. It heads the long list of precepts culled from the divine Bible, wherein is writ the Holy Word of God. In girls' barracks it is the Alpha and Omega of the teaching therein. It impresses upon the girl that her ancestress was her rib, and moreover a male one; and, as the boy early assumes his divine-ordained supremacy, so assumes the girl her divine-ordained subserviency. The Bible is the charter of woman's serfdom, and, as a consequence, of man's degradation. It, like all superstitious God-books, is the outcome of ignorance ruled by selfishness. In the far past unscientific man, having evolved thought and speech, put into words the crude conceptions of his undeveloped brain, and being unable to account for phenomena, created God and became a ventriloquist. The role of the ventriloquist is to make believe that what he is saying himself is being spoken by another. In the God-books of superstition the gods belonging to each voice the voice of man: but man the ventriloquist assures his audience that it is God's voice reproduced in writing in the Bible and other god-books, and phenomena are proclaimed to be divine creation, and all things visible and invisible, the handiwork of an almighty male Deity, who lives in a Heaven, the Lord knows where, surrounded by angels whose composition is not female. Now, such a teaching can only be accepted by either ignorant brains or brains from whom the right of thought has been taken away. The brain which accepts as true such irrational gibberish is the brain of a slave. Laws conceived and framed by persons swayed and influenced by what is false must of necessity be either selfish, one-sided, unfair, cruel, or degrading. Women, reared to believe as divinely true that which is false, hug their chains and teach their sons to rivet these upon them. The law permits them to do this; but the law will not allow a woman who, like myself, scorns to accept the dictates of un-reason, to have any control over the education of youth. Unbelievers such as I must acquiesce in the curriculum of superstition being taught to children they have born, if, peradventure, the father of those children so wills it. To that will woman is subservient, and her children can only be taught by her if she is willing to be the catspaw of orthodox belief—a belief she regards as untrue. In other words, the woman who bows to the "rib" doctrine or its equivalent, "the doctrine of inequality," may for a short period of her life herself engraft it on her children's minds, in the same way as a nurse may wash a baby or give it the feeding bottle—as a sort of nursery governess, in fact; but otherwise she is quickly made aware that she has no parental rights, is a nonentity, the descendant of a rib.

The point I wish to bring home to men and women is this: Slavery begets slavery. By enforcing the rib doctrine on women and its attendant subserviency, men bring upon themselves many of the ills from which they suffer. If they would carefully and dispassionately examine the question from that point of view, they would quickly perceive the correctness of my statement. At any rate, let them rest assured that structures erected on false foundations are dangerous and certain to bring about disaster. Society ruled and governed by laws and customs the outcome of superstition must be built on rotten supports, and the result is injustice and suffering. Science has absolutely disproved the teaching of superstition's inventions. It has broken the legs of the Bible and all other God-books conceived and edited by bygone man. The story of creation as science tells it and the story of creation as it is told by superstition are absolutely opposed to each other.

Which is true—the first or the last? The first is supported by fact and proof; the last has only fable and imagined revelation for its buttress. We believe in the law of gravitation because there is proof of its reality; but there is no more proof behind superstition's fables than there is behind the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and Jack the Giant-killer. Let us be honest, and candidly recognise this unanswerable truth.

Untruth rules the world, and what a suffering one has it not created? The bolstering up of a lie has been the cause of long and continued sorrow to humanity, and, let me add, to our dumb kith and kin, the brute creation. Is it not time we hailed truth as the saviour of mankind? The idols we have been adoring so long have done nothing for us. Why? Simply and solely because they are false ones, the inventions of unscientific and

undeveloped man, ah! let us have the truth—the truth at any price, no matter what early impressions, believed only because they were implanted in childhood's gullible days, we have had dinned into our brains until we came to accept them as fact. Let us search for and welcome truth, no matter what false idols, hitherto adored, we may have to cast down and destroy. To all who have grown up with thought undeveloped, and who have accepted falsehood as truth and have spurned truth as falsehood, I say: "Use your own common-sense, reason for yourselves, and refuse to have your belief ladled out to you as if you were a flock of idiots or a crowd of imbeciles. Ask yourselves the following questions and see if religion can supply a satisfactory answer. If it cannot, as you will quickly perceive it is unable to do, then be honest. Acknowledge to yourselves that you have been reared to believe an untruth, and are yourselves bolstering it up and passing it on to coming generations, and then be brave and say: 'This shall not be; I will no longer be the catspaw of a lie or the preceptor of it to others. I desire to find truth and serve it alone—yes, it alone.'"

Now here are the questions: —

Do you really believe that there is a God who has always been and had no beginning? Is such an impossibility possible? Who tells you this is so? What claims has the author of this fantastic fable to credence?

If God is all-powerful and all-merciful, do you not think that he must be a very extraordinary Deity to have made man and left him through decades of years a prey to sorrow, suffering, and pain, concocting tortures for others and cruelty to himself? If wickedness is wicked, why does God permit it? And if sin is sin, why did God conceive such and allow man to commit it?

Does not the sacrifice of Christ by an atrocious and lingering death strike you as revolting? If God so loved the world, why did he not make it perfect instead of fashioning it imperfect; and surely, he could redeem creation without crucifying his son? Moreover, if Christ's death redeemed mankind, how is it that man is what he is now? Look at the world and ponder the reply.

There are countless worlds in space. Is there a God for each, and a Christ for each, or is our God and Christ theirs as well? If the latter, has Christ had to die for all the inhabited worlds, if they are so inhabited, or is this earth an especially sinful and suffering one?

Is the heaven offered to man, or the hell either, compatible with the conception of either a just, a merciful, or a sane Deity? If the story of Genesis begins to look to you like a rather nasty fairy tale, do you not think the rest of the autocratic assumptions in the Bible are based on proofs as vacuous and flimsy?

In short, if the Almighty is Almighty, does he not strike you as being a most undignified and unmajestic God? On the other hand, if he is all you say, why do you fear death's approach, as so many of you do, seeing that it will take you to him?

I could put you many, many more queries, but *Cui bono*? If you can answer these, with truth upholding them, you can answer anything. Well, answer these, and then ask yourselves, "Are the replies given supported by fact or proof unassailable?" That is a most important point. Clear proof. Faith will not do. I will not believe there is an apple lying at my feet, which I cannot see, because my parents and preceptors tell me that thousands of years ago men lived who declared that a God said that such was true. The apple not being there, I ask for proof of its existence; and, receiving only fable in return, I assert my own reason, and refuse to believe the untruth. I have selected the "rib" doctrine because upon it rests the claim of the Bible to credence. It has formulated this story of creation and woman's degradation and enforced credence through long ages; and those who, confronted by science, find the lie nailed to the mast and try to robe it in explanations and definitions have a hopeless task to fulfil. If the story of creation and the rib metamorphosis is false, so also are most of the tables upon which our creed and our laws are based. Carefully studying the Bible throughout, we find no proof from beginning to end of the existence of any deity except a man-devised and clumsily sculptured magnate who is painfully man-like in faults, failings, and indiscretions. *Every god that has been fashioned is the same.* The question is: Shall we continue to be swayed by a glaring untruth? Of what use hugging as fact that which is not so? If the story of creation and the hope of a future as offered us by orthodoxy are a comfort to many, of what use is a comfort founded on what is not?

Not very long-ago Mr. H. Gaylord Wilshire, editor of Wilshire's far-extending magazine, wrote me as follows: "It is almost impossible to get people to let go their religious superstitions until you give them something else to cling to." He is right in asserting that people will not relinquish belief in what is false unless one can give something of worth in exchange and to replace it; but I ask all reasoning minds: What good will allegiance to a myth avail, even though such allegiance may be comforting to the ignorant? Those who desire to see a reign of love take the place of one just the reverse, desire humanity to face the truth and build upon it a sane religion and sane laws, whose composition shall contain true love, in which real justice, kindness, mercy, and fair play to all are alone embowered. Society and government swayed by such would be evenly balanced and ensure

the comfort and happiness of all. The root of the fearful suffering that overshadows mankind is obedience to laws whose parent is Superstition, the largest slave-owner in the world, a giant Legree, whose clutch is upon mankind, but above all, and in a superlative degree, upon womankind.

To superstition's barbaric teaching woman owes her abased position, yet she is the chief support of this monster. Clericalism knows this well. Revolt from man it can smilingly deride; but revolt from woman it regards with dread, because it knows that that would mean its extinction and the rapid rise of the female slave from serfdom to freedom. Against so glorious a triumph the forces of monopoly and privilege are pitted. Keep the child and its nursery governess in darkness, and all will be well for these: but let the nursery governess once see the light, and even desire to see it, then privilege and monopoly are doomed, and with them the reign of suffering, cruelty, and selfishness, which superstition, buttressed by woman, has upheld.

To all thoughtful human beings I appeal, therefore, to assert their reason; but most especially is my appeal addressed to women. In their hands lies regeneration. Between the sexes there should be nothing but harmony. Harmony means happiness, and happiness should be our goal. Let it be "Man is born to *happiness*," instead of "to *sorrow*". At present the latter prevails. Orthodoxy says this is God's will; but then reason steps in and nails that lie to the mast. Reason says that sorrow, in a vast measure, is preventable by making reasonable laws. Reasonable laws can never emanate from superstition. Woman must strike that down, and so redeem the world. It is her mission to do this. Let her do it quickly—and well. Slowly but surely, she is awakening from her lethargic state and groping towards the light. Those who, like myself, are in communication with the advanced thought and thinkers throughout the world know that hundreds—nay, thousands—of women have thrown off the yoke of superstition and are thinking for themselves and working for others. But though dawn has come, the rising sun is as yet afar off, and the coming day which shall marshal in freedom is a mere embryo. It is woman's province to give it birth, to guard its childhood and adolescence till it reaches adult age. Then shall its greatness be made apparent in the regenerated life of the world. Organisation and unity are the twin souls of strength. Earnest and thoughtful men and women, banded together, can affect much by giving countenance and support to those who are working to spread the light of truth far and wide, and to lift off the burden of superstition from the shoulders of those oppressed by its crushing weight. Those who desire to assist in realising this aim would do well to fall into line and join the ranks of the Rationalists, whose headquarters are the Rationalist Press Association. Join this, I say, and give ready and willing help to its propaganda, the entire working of which is towards freedom. There is not a country of the world where its influence should be unfelt, but primarily among English-speaking peoples and countries. Once these are swayed by rational thought, rational government will prevail, and through its freedom, the birth right of life, attained. To those who can think, I say, "Think and help those who cannot." To those who desire to think and help, yet know not how to begin, I say, "Join our ranks and become earnest workers and helpers." Sitting still and twirling one's thumbs never yet accomplished anything, nor is it likely so to do. Work, work, work, is the only means to attain an end. Truth needs the friendly grip of earnest men and women of every class. There is no distinction where it dwells. It solicits the help of every human item that will give it. It asks for the aid of all. The service of man to fellow-creatures is a nobler and more satisfying religion than that which incites to injustice and cruelty. Injustice and cruelty are limned in the pages of Old and New Testament alike, from the mythical fall of poor Adam and his curse-laden rib to the blood-stained and lustful deeds of the heroes of Old and New Testament fame. No self-respecting human being should cringe to a creed whose Deity sanctions within the pages of his book such horrors as are therein found. Let me, in conclusion, quote one example: When the children of Israel made prisoners the Midianite women and children, Moses the servant of God commanded, without reproof from that God, Now, therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him: but all the women children that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves" (Num. xxxi. 17, 18). For me this is enough to prove that Revelation's religion is the concoction of man. Who, then, will help? It is not enough to be passively acquiescent. Everyone who feels that truth is worth fighting for should do his or her best to stand up for the only genuine Redeemer that exists. Let the dull shadows of falsehood and hypocrisy be driven over the border, false idols east down and no longer adored, and let the twentieth century behold humanity awakening from its long serfdom and marching towards freedom.

*"Oh! woman, wake. Behold the dawn  
Rising from out that bank of clouds.  
No longer grovel, cringe, or fawn  
To Superstition, which enshrouds*

*Thy liberty. Awake! awake!  
I bid thee for thy own dear sake  
Cast off these cruel chains,  
Rise from thy many thousand years  
Of degradation. Wipe those tears;  
Truth's golden dawn remains.'''*

Peter has also shared some other writing by Lady Florence which I hope to be able to share with you next month. This time her rejection of blood sports in a pamphlet called "The Horrors of Sport" and a lecture to the Women's Franchise League, given at the Christian Institute, Glasgow on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 1891. I will try and provide a copy of the latter in a later Newsletter. The Horrors of Sport as the title suggests is not for the faint hearted but I am sure Peter would not object to me sharing it with you if you were to ask, [info@marketbosowrthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosowrthsociety.com).

## Dixie Bodies

You could be forgiven for thinking this is about last month's lecture and the gruesome goings on reported then, but no it is about vehicles. Dixie Bodies were based behind the Dixie Arms Hotel on Main Street and produced a car based on the model T Ford but with a body manufactured on site. Walter Baynes (of the Dixie Grammar School Association <http://www.thedgsa.co.uk/>) shared this with me recently and I know you will be interested to hear about these locally made cars (at a time, incidentally when the Town petrol pump was located across the road at the Red Lion).

Walter shared an email from Tony Wood a former DGS pupil (1943 intake for anyone interested) who is a huge car fan.



Walter went on to explain even now in his nineties Tony is still President of the Lagonda Rapier Register and regularly drives his supercharged Rapier tourer to rallies and other events. He was the 'Wood' half responsible for the 'Woodbatt' special, a single seater racing car based on a supercharged Rapier which competed successfully in the 1950's & 60's. Here

is Tony's email:

I have looked out the photo I took of the Model T Ford bus in the Manx Transport Museum in June 2019. Unfortunately, I could not get back far enough to take the bus itself, but I took one of the plaques describing it. If your eyesight is good, you will be able to make out the caption. "Bodywork by Walter Shepherd, the Dixie Hotel, Market Bosworth, Motor Agent." It came as a complete surprise to me, and I mentioned to the curator my connection with Market Bosworth. I also noted, on a card describing a Francis



Barnet motor bike, that it said it was a Frances Barnet. When I pointed this out to the curator, he said I must be a proof-reader! I wonder if they ever corrected it. The Manx Transport Museum is run by the IOM government or the local council or whoever and was mostly buses, vans etc but the main museum, the Isle of Man Motor Museum is privately owned and is far bigger. It is well worth a visit and holds an exceedingly rare Cubitt tourer, a charabanc converted from a La France fire engine - you can imagine how many rows of seats it has - a barn find E Type jaguar and many more interesting vehicles including, of course, a Peel! The motor bikes are on a mezzanine floor and are equally numerous.

I really must go back again before it is too late! My daughter and I flew from Birmingham Airport. It took half an hour!

Best wishes,

Tony.

If anyone has any information on the Dixie Bodies or Walter Shepherd, please get in touch and I will put it in a future Newsletter. I did a little of my own research and found the photograph above of a splendid looking bus also built by Walter Shepherd and referred to by Tony. It looks very smart with its green paintwork and yellow spokes. Does anyone remember having a ride in it?

## **Quiz Time!**

An easy one this month, so no congratulations unless you get all ten correct, with no cheating!

1.

**What happened to the Anglo-Saxon leaders?**

1. They went back to Germany
2. They became kings
3. They were killed by the Romans
4. They became farmers

2.

**Which king was killed at the Battle of Hastings?**

1. Canute
2. Edward
3. Harold
4. William

3.

**Who began to raid England in the 8th Century?**

1. Vikings
2. Romans
3. Greeks
4. Normans

4.

**Who became King of England in 1016?**

1. Canute
2. Alfred
3. Harold
4. Ethelred

5.

**Who invaded England in 1066?**

1. Vikings
2. Romans
3. Greeks
4. Normans

6.

**Which kingdom defeated Northumbria in the 8th Century?**

1. Wessex
2. Sussex

3. Mercia
4. Kent

7.

**What did Offa build to separate England and Wales?**

1. Offa's Wall
2. Offa's Canal
3. Offa's Fence
4. Offa's Dyke

8.

**Who defeated the Vikings and became the King of England?**

1. William the Conqueror
2. Alfred the Great
3. Ethelred the Unready
4. Edward the Confessor

9.

**Who was Offa?**

1. King of Mercia
2. King of Northumbria
3. King of Wessex
4. King of East Anglia

10.

**What did missionaries do?**

1. Made weapons
2. Introduced Christianity to the Anglo Saxons
3. Spied for the kings
4. Told stories

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Answers (Author, Amanda Swift. <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/history/anglo-saxons-in-britain>)

1. 2
2. 3
3. 1
4. 1
5. 4
6. 3
7. 4
8. 2
9. 1
10. 2