

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

February 2023

Dear Member

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2023. Packed inside are a series of fascinating articles and devilish quizzes (actually evil quizzes this month). I hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter and please remember to send me any items you would like to share with your fellow members.

## Meeting Report 1: Walled Garden at Bosworth Hall. – Robert Leake

Our February talk was all about the history and activities of the walled garden at Bosworth Hall and was narrated by Robert Leake but based on research over nearly three years by Ingrid Davison, Glynis Oakley and former Head Gardener, Rod Proudman (shown below left)



There was an audience of 65 in the Free Church and many were locals who remembered, so interruptions were welcomed during the talk with any additional information.

It was explained that walled gardens were a reflection of the wealth of a family. The early Dixies certainly had vegetable gardens immediately to the side of their mansion. but the idea of a walled garden itself was something that gained popularity in Victorian Britain. The two-metre-high walls, built between 1838 and 1847, bordered kitchen gardens and protected plants from frost and wind.

From 1745 to 1845 there had been a glass tax which meant that glasshouses within walled kitchen gardens were only available to the very wealthy. The 8th Baronet, Sir

Willoughby Wolstan Dixie, at Bosworth Hall was obviously wealthy!

When Bosworth Hall was bought by Charles Tollemache Scott in 1895, he was able to set about an ambitious programme of improvements to the house, park and town with architect Thomas Garner, of Bodley & Garner. The 1885 Sales Document mentioned fruit and vegetable gardens surrounded by “*a lofty brick wall, in which is a handsome wrought iron gate of exquisite workmanship opening to the Park*” but then it was Garner who probably designed the three-storey brick Italianate belvedere water tower and redesigned the conservatory complex. There are extensive records of the glasshouses being constructed by Messengers & Co of Loughborough, who were the sought after name for quality. With its walled garden the Hall itself reflected the classical or grand tours that the gentry enjoyed across Europe.

The tower with huge tanks at the top was designed to feed the gardens and the Hall with water. The tanks could be reached from an elaborate iron spiral staircase within the tower. The water was pumped from a well up to the tank from which it was distributed by gravitation. An electric light generating plant was also installed using this waterpower and local anecdote suggests that a lad had to run to the Hall to check the number of lights to judge whether more power was needed!

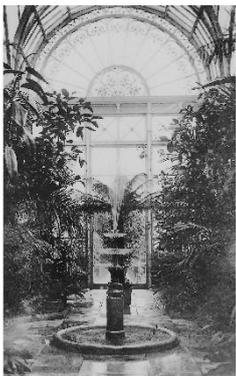
The statue of Diana, Goddess of the Hunt, was placed in the recess high in the tower. The statue is a copy of one now found in the Louvre. (The water tower and greenhouses are shown below left).



When the house was sold in 1913 the kitchen garden was described as an area of two acres, with a range of cold fruit glasshouses, heated forcing pits, a melon house, rose house, water tower, gardeners' bothys and an engine house with a pump room.

Gentry could visit the walled garden through the entrance door beneath the water tower, from The Avenue to The Wilderness, (shown above right), or from the garden passing through the

special entrance doors, under the impressive monumental triumphal arch, leading to the orangery and attractive fountain, surrounded by ornamental plants and the conservatory complex of five glass houses.



Between 1913 and 1932 the Estate changed hands twice, before being acquired by Leicestershire County Council and converted into a 177 bed Public Assistance Hospital, opened in 1936. The sales details had mentioned the "most productive walled garden" and later "an excellent market garden." The Authority were obviously happy with the productive walled garden with its glasshouses, and it continued in use to supply this hospital and others in the county. Sadly the fountain (shown left) was dismantled as too expensive to repair.

It is from the time of the Bosworth Park Infirmary that we know more of the staff who worked here. Before the Leicestershire Health Service took over, the Head Gardener for Bosworth Hall had lived at Lodge Cottage on Cadeby Lane, but in hospital times the gardener lived initially in the Bothy.

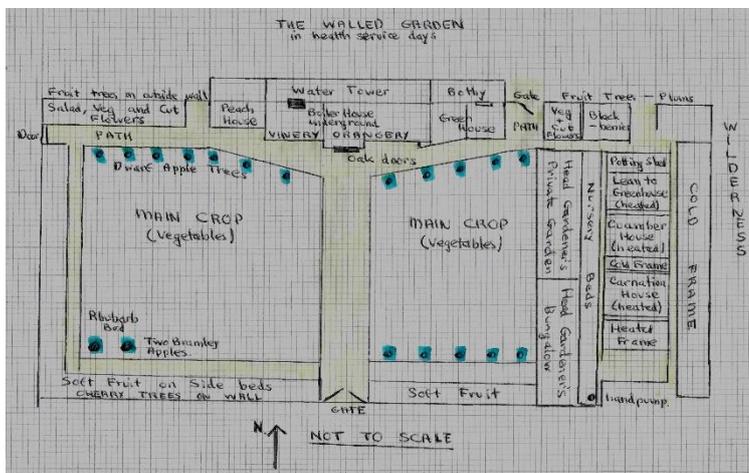
The Bothy (shown below) was soon condemned as unfit for habitation and a bungalow was built within the walled garden for the Head Gardener. It was built just a little earlier than the four hospital houses on the lay-by on The Park nearby.



Mr Thomas was the first Head Gardener to live in the bungalow but when he retired Rod Proudman and his family moved in, around 1970. Rod had worked in the gardens since leaving school at 15, starting as 'Gardener's Boy' and regularly getting promoted as he learnt on the job.

Rod was able to describe to our research team the layout of the walled garden in his time.

On display at the talk were some of Rod's logbooks which recorded his daily activities and the range of plants being grown. The drawing below shows the layout of the garden.



Red currents, gooseberries, raspberries and black currents grew along the long north side walls. His daughter, Louise, remembered doing some of the fruit picking. The glasshouses were mainly used for tomatoes [surplus ones being sent to other hospitals in the county] while stocks of apples and potatoes were stored in the Fruit Room at one end of the buildings we can still see today. Rod had recalled the routines of life as a gardener which were outlined to the audience and the importance of the Frameryard beyond the far eastern end of the walled garden which he had described as the "beating heart" of the walled garden operation, where many plants for the walled garden and the grounds

started off. Here were more glasshouses and cold frames. Today the frameryard is largely overgrown with brambles and nettles.

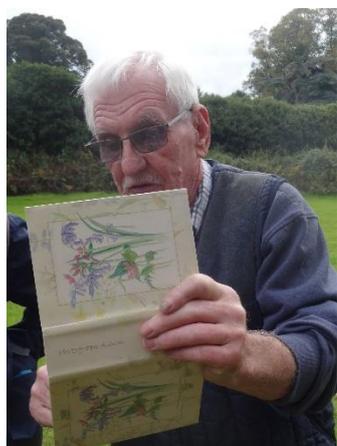
Wildlife was much in evidence in the grounds and walled garden with few people around. There were stories of foxes, badgers, hedgehogs and abundant bird life. A spotted flycatcher had a regular nesting site and kingfishers were common around the moat. David and Jane Alesbrook have, as part of the walled garden research, been recording the bird life and their listing was on display at the talk. It is still quite abundant!

The talk ended by mentioning some of the procedures used in the walled garden, like the four-year rotation, and the special duties of the Head Gardener and his team, which included snow clearing to make sure that the nurses could get from the Dower House and Nurses Home [now St. Peter's Court] to their hospital wards. Providing flower arrangements for the wards and for different functions were so important as were the Christmas decorations, including home-made Christmas trees from the leylandii grown where Spindles is now located. These were used until it was discovered that they were a fire hazard!

Flowers grown in the walled garden had always been an important link between the Head Gardener and Bosworth Hall. The late Maurice Harris's father had been the gardener responsible for taking six fresh carnations to the squire each morning to be laid on his breakfast table. An entire greenhouse was given over to the growing of these carnations.

Rod retired as the Head Gardener when the hospital closed, taking up a post at the High School

Photo shows Rod with one of his logbooks in the walled garden.



So many walled gardens have now been cleared and lost, although others are now being restored often by volunteers as at Wollaston Park, Nottingham One wonders if a charitable preservation group could be established to restore something of the garden, creating a definite tourist attraction for the hotel and the town? If not, it is to be hoped that something of the walled garden can be preserved for the future and that any development within the space will be sympathetic to its history.

All the research [which is ongoing] undertaken for the talk will be kept in the Bosworth Archive for future generations to examine.



*The bungalow in the walled garden.*

Thank you, Robert, for a comprehensive and interesting report. I was able to have a night off and did not need to scribble notes thanks to Robert's kind offer to write the report for me. I learned a lot about the Hall and the garden and was fascinated to read that a relatively small piece of land could produce such a volume and variety of produce. All down to the skill of the gardeners! Robert, Glynis and Ingrid are to be congratulated on a superb piece of research. Thanks must also go to Rod who has been most generous with his time and his memories. I am delighted that these precious memories will be safe in the Archive for generations to come.

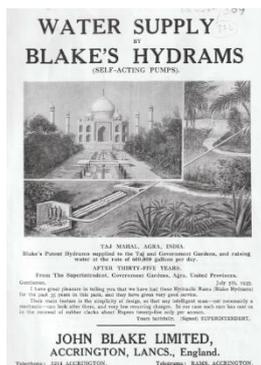
## The Spiral Staircase

As Robert has mentioned there were a number of questions asked and information offered. I was reminded of the spiral staircase in the water tower. Robert and I were invited by Ruth North, Sales Manager at the Hall to visit the tower. We were not allowed to ascend the staircase for health and safety reasons but took pictures of the stairs. At the time I was impressed that such trouble had been taken over what were a set of functional steps to facilitate the servicing of the water tank. During the talk I realised that it would have been a fantastic vantage point to watch the hunt progress across the parkland. I suspect that the staircase was not just functional after all.



*As can be clearly seen, ahem, the manufacturer was the Pancras Ironwork Co.*

## What links Bosworth Hall to the Taj Mahal



For those of you who avidly read your Newsletter, you will recall the article in the May edition of last year. I think I have worked out how they work.

The Hydrams use nothing more than gravity creating atmospheric pressure to raise water up to the tower. There was no electricity or other energy used, just gravity. The engines utilised a similar method as that used to create a vacuum in a glass dome for school science lessons. Water passes along one pipe into which has been added a 'T' joint. The passage of the water across the junction creates a suction effect in the branch of tube attached to the 'T' joint with sufficient strength to create a vacuum in a sealed bowl. In the case of the Hydrams that suction is used to create a syphon effect lifting water up to the tanks, where gravity once again returns the water to the Hall's taps and other outlets.

## The Cartouche



Another question raised was about the cartouche which is in the walled garden but covered up. The cartouche has been in the walled garden for many years.

It has recently been re-covered over to protect it from erosion and vandalism. It is a shame that this is necessary, but Smut's Grave was recently vandalised, as was the Gazebo in the grounds. Should anyone see an act of vandalism please contact the Police and report it using 101 or if there is a dangerous situation being created 999. The police have asked that if it is safe to do so take a photograph, but again only if safe to do so. Please do not take any risks, as clearly people engaged in this activity have little regard for others. For now we can at least enjoy this photograph, taken by Robert of the cartouche.

## Quiz time!

The first of our two quizzes this month. As usual answers are at the end and no cheating!

1. During the reign of which Frankish dynasty, named after some of its most prominent members, is feudalism generally thought to have begun?

- Carolingian
- Ottonian
- Capetian
- Salian

2. What was one of the main reasons for the establishment and subsequent spread of the feudal system in Western Europe?

- economic collapse
- natural disasters
- foreign invasions
- political unrest

3. The word "feudalism" comes from the Latin "feodum", referring to the lands granted to a vassal by the lord. What word is generally used in English to denote those lands?

- feta
- fiat
- fief
- feal

4. A feudal contract was advantageous for both parties. When lords granted lands to their vassals, what contribution - vital in those turbulent times - did the vassals give in return (save for those who gave scutage)?

- marriage partners
- tax revenue
- military aid
- free housing

5. Many feudal estates were quite large, and onerous for vassals to maintain. Was it possible for a vassal to become in turn an overlord?

- Yes
- No

6. Which of these terms, denoting the formal acknowledgment of feudal allegiance, is related to the French word for "man" - meaning that the vassal declared himself his lord's man?

- appanage
- socage
- homage
- tallage

7. While technically not slaves, serfs were not free either - for which of these reasons?

- they were bound to the land.
- they were part of the military.
- they were foreign immigrants.
- they had taken a religious vow.

8. In the mid-14th century, what catastrophic event accelerated the decline of the feudal system?

- the Avignon Papacy
- the Hundred Years' War
- the Little Ice Age
- the Black Death

9. What large European country did NOT abolish serfdom until the Emancipation Reform of 1861?

- Germany
- France
- Russia
- Spain

10. Although feudalism is generally associated with medieval Europe, similar systems existed in other parts of the world, such as Japan. By what name were the Japanese feudal lords known?

- daimyo
- katana
- bushido
- seppuku

Good luck, and as I said no cheating!

## Meeting Report 2!



From reading these Newsletter you will already know that Peter Loseby has been given access to several Dixie diaries in the possession of Caroline Dixie. Peter has extracted a good deal of information about the lives of the later Dixie family, concentrating on Sir ABC Dixie and Lady Florence. Caroline had a large collection of diaries and has most generously decided to donate them to the Market Bosworth Society Archive. Caroline has passed the ownership of the diaries and copyright to the Society. For our part we have agreed that should the diaries or the information within prove to have value, this will be passed back

to the Dixie family as rightful owners. The alternative would have been quite expensive in having all of the diaries examined for potential use.

The pictures [left] show Peter introducing Caroline just before she donated the diaries. To the right is a very pleased chairman receiving the diaries on behalf of the Society from Caroline and the all-important signature. Grateful thanks to Peter for making the arrangements and of course to Caroline and Eleanor for making the donation.



## Its Only Fair!



Apt caption for this picture of a charming girl and a grim reminder of the past could be Beauty and the Beastly." It was taken by a Leicester Evening Mail photographer at Bosworth Park, home of Sir Wolstan Dixie, whose eight-year-old older daughter, Eleanor, is seen exhibiting the fearsome mantrap which is normally kept in the porch at the hall.

Legend has it that a former squire set a mantrap to catch his daughter's lover—and caught his daughter. She was Anne Dixie, and she had fallen in love with a "yeoman" of whom her parents did not approve. After being caught in the trap she became lame and died at an early age.

We have included a photograph of Caroline Dixie earlier and it seems only fair to include her sister Eleanor. Ruth North, a good friend of the Society shared some press cuttings she had discovered recently and this one of Eleanor was included.

The image is rather too dark and does not do the subject justice, but it is interesting, nonetheless. It tells of the alleged events leading up to the accidental death of Anne Dixie.

I know that Eleanor reads the Newsletters and I wonder if she can recall posing for the photograph. I also wonder if she has a better-quality version that I might share at a later date.

The caption reads "*Apt caption for this picture of a charming girl and a grim reminder of the past could be Beauty and the Beastly. It was taken by a Leicester Evening Mail photographer at Bosworth Park, home of Sir Wolstan Dixie, who's eight-year-old daughter, Eleanor is seen exhibiting the fearsome mantrap which is normally kept in the porch at the hall. Legend has it that a former squire set a mantrap to catch his daughter's lover and caught his daughter. She was Anne Dixie, and she had fallen in love with a 'yeoman' of whom her parents did not approve. After being caught in the trap she became lame and died at an early age.*"

This version differs from the more popular version where poor Anne died soon afterwards from blood loss and gangrene. This gave rise to some of the ghostly goings on at Bosworth Hall and that infamous blood stain on the ceiling of one of the rooms.

## Next Lecture Meeting: A Medieval Knight – Richard Knox



We are delighted to welcome back Richard as our guest speaker for March 2023. This time after telling us about medieval castles Richard will be telling us about their inhabitants, medieval knights.

Richard is the curator of the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and also the 1620's house at Donnington Le Heath. Richard's lecture promises to be both enlightening and entertaining. The lecture will follow our Annual General Meeting, see you all there!

## Quiz Number 2

1. A 'garderobe' was a chest in which the Lady of the castle kept fine linens and clothing, layered with herbs, to keep moths and other insects from damaging them.

- True
- False

2. What exactly was a 'motte'?

- Slogan on the Lord's family crest
- Flaky apple dessert dusted with nutmeg.
- A beauty patch used by Ladies.
- Mound a castle was built on.

3. If a man was "dubbed", he had a knighthood conferred upon him.

- True
- False

4. What do you think a 'quintain' was?

- A popular dance with many intricate steps
- Dummy used in jousting practice.
- Traditional style of 8-lined verse
- Type of tonic used to treat fevers.

5. To get out of military service, what did a vassal pay to his lord?

- An allure
- A scutage
- Heriot
- Alms

6. What do you think a 'sackbut' could have been?

- Medieval instrument akin to the trombone
- Mulled wine heated with a hot poker.
- Belt with tassels that a Lady wore around her hips.
- A bag that ground millet was stored in.

7. 'Donjon' was a spicy mustard lavishly spread on meats to conceal the taste and odour of slight spoilage.

- True
- False

8. A 'buttery' is best described by which of the following?

- Container lowered into the castle well to keep dairy products cool.
- Puff pastry layered with almond paste.
- Room used for the serving of beer and wine.
- Cook's helper who basted roasting meats

9. 'Mummers' were medieval versions of undertakers, and were not only responsible for laying out the body for burial, but planned the Wake as well.

- True
- False

10. What do you think a 'trebuchet' was?

- Tipped lance used in jousting practice.
- War engine used to hurl heavy missiles.
- Iron hook used to suspend cooking pots over the fire.
- Thick slice of day-old bread used as a meat plate.

## **Environmental Improvement Programme 2023**

I have been contacted by Paul Grundy, Conservation Officer at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Paul is in the process of contacting heritage groups and Parish Councils to help shape this year's Heritage Improvement Plan.

The details of the programme follow, and I would like you to consider any areas of improvement you would like to put forward. If you can think of a suitable example for suggesting to Paul, please complete the details as set out below. Do not obtain quotations at this stage, I am simply asking you for opportunities. I expect that Market Bosworth Parish Council will also have been contacted and they may be putting forward items at the next meeting in March.

### **Environmental Improvement Programme 2023 Guidance**

The Borough Councils Environmental Improvement Programme consists of small-scale improvement schemes across the whole Borough. The schemes attract a considerable amount of match funding in providing built environmental benefits. The projects can be stand alone, others contribute towards larger comprehensive schemes. Examples of the types of projects include heritage trail information boards, repairs to walls and installation of heritage nameplates and lighting. It is important that the projects have a conservation/heritage relevance to be considered.

### **Criteria for schemes (meeting as many as possible)**

- Implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews
- Enhances the historic environment.
- Increases understanding and interpretation of heritage.
- Complete or complement schemes undertaken in previous year's programmes.
- Be implemented on publicly owned or private accessible land.
- Be in areas which have not yet benefited significantly in previous years' programmes.

### **Application Questions**

Applicant name and organisation: Contact email and phone number:

Provide a brief overview of the proposed project and how it meets the criteria for schemes.

Details of quote obtained, including preferred supplier (ideally 2 quotes should be provided for projects up to £20,000, if you are unable to provide 2 quotes, please explain why e.g. specialist nature of works)

[Please complete]

Details of timings, funding request and match funding availability

[Please complete]

## A bit of Fun

I did toy with the idea of turning this into a quiz but decided in the end to spare you as two quizzes are enough. As you know Beth keeps me well supplied with funny and thought-provoking items and I thought you might like to see this one. It is USA based but still had me thinking about the changes.

The Year is 1922

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for 1922:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1922 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.

A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.

A veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year.

And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND in the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed law prohibiting poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

- 1 Pneumonia and influenza
- 2 Tuberculosis
- 3 Diarrhoea
- 4 heart disease

## 5 Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars ...

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write,

and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were available over the counter at local drugstores.

Back then pharmacists said: "Heroin clears the complexion,

gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is a

perfect guardian of health!" (Shocking?)

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help...

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself.

From there, it will be sent to others all over WORLD all in a matter of seconds!

It is impossible to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

For those wishing to compare a 1922 US cent with a 1922 UK penny: here is a link which may help  
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### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES, 1922-1928

#### YEARLY AVERAGES

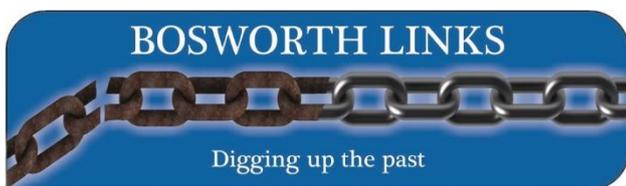
[In cents per unit of foreign currency. For explanation see p. 8]

Country	Present monetary unit <sup>1</sup>	Par of exchange	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
<b>Europe:</b>									
Austria	Schilling <sup>1</sup>	14.07	0.0097	0.0014	0.0014	<sup>2</sup> 14.0612	14.0740	14.0764	14.0743
Belgium	Belga <sup>1</sup>	13.90	7.6829	5.2190	4.6438	4.7580	<sup>3</sup> 3.3721	13.9157	13.9281
Bulgaria	Lev <sup>1</sup>	.72	.6883	.8837	.7281	.7317	.7210	.7235	.7207
Czechoslovakia	Crown	( <sup>4</sup> )	2.4151	2.9550	2.9542	2.9656	2.9618	2.9622	2.9625
Denmark	Krone	26.80	20.9470	18.3643	16.7228	21.1310	26.7251	26.7251	26.7426
England	Pound	486.65	442.9165	457.4825	441.7064	482.8944	485.8235	486.1024	486.6223
Finland	Markka <sup>1</sup>	2.52	2.1634	2.6831	2.5076	2.5218	2.5209	2.5197	2.5173
France	Franc <sup>1</sup>	3.92	8.2013	6.0811	5.2368	4.7671	3.2427	3.9240	3.9210
Germany	Reichsmark <sup>1</sup>	23.82	.4323	.0020	<sup>5</sup> 22.9980	23.8013	23.7966	23.7638	23.8614
Greece	Drachma <sup>1</sup>	1.30	3.3059	1.7141	1.7900	1.5614	1.2579	1.3173	1.3044
Hungary	Pengo <sup>1</sup>	17.49	.0906	.0164	.0017	.0014	17.5612	17.4741	17.4443
Italy	Lira <sup>1</sup>	5.26	4.7559	4.6016	4.3580	3.9776	3.8894	5.1560	5.2571
Netherlands	Florin	40.20	38.4975	39.1005	38.2109	40.1601	40.0984	40.1065	40.2238
Norway	Krone	26.80	17.5016	16.6710	13.9403	17.8836	22.3347	26.0477	26.6876
Poland	Zloty <sup>1</sup>	11.22	.0188	.0014	<sup>6</sup> 19.2280	17.7432	11.1796	11.2881	11.2097
Portugal	Escudo	108.05	6.6700	4.2527	3.3850	5.0397	5.1254	5.0290	4.4675
Rumania	Leu	19.30	.6969	.4937	.4982	.4832	.4620	.6132	.6133
Russia	Chervonetz	514.60					<sup>7</sup> 515.0000	<sup>7</sup> 515.0000	515.0000
Spain	Peseta	19.30	15.4828	14.4529	13.3375	14.3443	14.8959	17.0592	16.5942
Sweden	Krona	26.80	26.1661	26.5548	26.5223	26.8479	26.7646	26.8148	26.8022
Switzerland	Franc	19.30	19.0652	18.0600	18.2228	19.3268	19.3130	19.2618	19.2596
Yugoslavia	Dinar	19.30	1.3524	1.0722	1.2818	1.7054	1.7647	1.7598	1.7598
<b>North America:</b>									
Canada	Dollar	100.00	98.4783	98.0352	98.7322	99.9615	99.9889	99.9720	99.9004
Cuba	Peso	100.00	99.8516	99.9508	99.9783	99.9359	99.9310	99.9075	99.9634
Mexico	do	49.85	48.7150	48.5465	48.5143	49.3926	48.3087	47.2049	48.1067
<b>South America:</b>									
Argentina	do	96.48	81.8166	78.5727	78.1308	91.3822	92.1497	96.2950	96.4801
Bolivia	Boliviano <sup>1</sup>	36.50					34.0941	34.3913	35.3911
Brazil	Milreis <sup>1</sup>	11.96	12.9486	10.2285	10.9403	12.1962	14.4357	11.8383	11.9737
Chile	Peso <sup>1</sup>	12.17	12.2159	12.2423	10.5448	11.6031	12.0766	12.0652	12.1451
Colombia	do	97.33					98.4547	97.6879	97.6937
Ecuador	Sucre <sup>1</sup>	20.00					20.0571	18.9724	19.9127
Peru	Libra	486.65					374.0965	373.7739	397.0488
Uruguay	Peso	103.42	79.3966	79.0615	82.2695	98.4009	101.4740	101.3361	102.6567
Venezuela	Bolivar	19.30					19.2565	18.9835	19.2525
<b>Asia:</b>									
China	Mexican dollar <sup>8</sup>	45.95	54.6337	52.0153	52.3642	55.5471	49.9159	45.0315	46.4710
China	Shanghai tael <sup>8</sup>	63.84	74.9281	72.0248	72.6814	75.7738	68.4214	62.0994	64.3014
China	Yuan dollar <sup>8</sup>	45.45	55.0073	52.6223	52.6973	56.9066	49.9807	43.9414	46.1378
Hong Kong	Dollar <sup>8</sup>	45.62	55.7126	52.8985	52.4691	56.5199	53.3290	49.2085	50.0717
India	Rupee <sup>1</sup>	36.50	28.7409	31.1103	31.7835	36.2642	36.3267	36.3117	36.4663
Japan	Yen	49.85	47.8037	48.5845	41.1857	41.0362	47.1163	47.4113	46.4066
Java	Florin	40.20					40.2862	40.2377	40.2208
Straits Settlements	Singapore dollar	56.78	50.7753	53.4984	51.2523	56.1546	56.2705	56.0476	56.2858
Turkey	Turkish pound	439.65					52.2549	51.3204	
<b>Africa:</b>									
Egypt	Egyptian pound	494.31					498.0954	498.3123	

## Spring has sprung!

I had a lovely cheerful email from Angie last week and wanted to share it with you. Angie had been in and around Market Bosworth last week enjoying the beautiful snowdrops/ crocus.

The last photo is Angie in Dimmesdale woods at Staunton Harold. Her friend, Nicki took the post picnic photograph. Angie was of the opinion that there are fewer better ways of enjoying the countryside for an hour or two. She went on to say that time “Could not be spent better! How fortunate we are!” I heartily agree! Thanks for sharing, Angie. If you take any pics whilst out and about do, consider sharing them.



A capacity audience joined us in St. Andrews church to hear the results of the Carlton Dig. Mathew took the stage and talked through each pits discoveries and then how they contributed to the overall picture. The main event was the first ever screening of the Carlton Dig Video. We still have not decided upon a name for it. Have you any suggestions? Mathew, as usual gave the feedback without notes and is still working on the reports. He has been incredibly busy with the Leicester Cathedral dig and so I forgive him for not having the reports ready for this issue. The overall report will be available in March and the homeowners' reports will be delivered around that time too. Watch this space as they say.

I have managed to upload the film onto the Market Bosworth Society website, the link is here: [https://marketbosworthsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/1bosworth\\_links\\_digs\\_carlton\(1080p\).mp4](https://marketbosworthsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/1bosworth_links_digs_carlton(1080p).mp4) or go the [www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links](http://www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links) and look for Carlton Dig 2022 Film. Bill Newsinger has done another great job and created an excellent record of the dig. I don't think he missed anyone but if he did you will be able to feature in the Cadeby Film! We have not got a name for the film yet, so any ideas? All the photographs taken over the weekend are also on the website ([Holding Page for Carlton 2022 photographs « Market Bosworth Society](#)). They are thumbnail size to prevent downloading and to conserve space on the server. Should you feature in any and would like a copy, send me a downloaded thumbnail and I will share the original sized one with you.

I will mention the forthcoming dates for you again:

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April Little Dig Weekend, Far Coton  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September, Big Dig Weekend, Cadeby

At the time of writing we are organising a Community Meeting at Cadeby and also a Masterclass with Peter Liddle MBE. Dates, times and venue will follow. Volunteering opportunities for the Little Dig in April may be limited in number so let Gemma know if you want to take part [gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com).

## Stagecoach

After the inclusion of this photograph last month I have received several comments about it. Some guessed the date to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century whilst others wanted to know if it was a genuine photograph of the transport of the time. Well, Glynis Oakley, Archivist has the original in her collection and she kindly lent it to me.



The information reads “The photograph on this postcard dates from 1904. On the right is the Dixie Arms Hotel, once the 16<sup>th</sup> century Bulls Head Inn, showing its Regency façade. The event illustrated is an outing for employees of George Oliver Boot & Shoe Company of Leicester.” Sounds to me like a fun trip, but possibly a little bumpy.

Thank you, Glynis, for

letting me share this with our members.

## 159 An update from our Leicestershire County Councillor, Bertie Harrison-Rushton

### Cancelled Bus Routes

- As you may be aware, bus routes across the division have been under review due to the council's current financial position.
- Of particular note locally, is the withdrawal of bus service 159.
- In view of the concerns residents have expressed, I've raised these views with officers and the lead member, who have provided me with the following response.

*“The withdrawal of the bus service 159 was assessed in the context of the councils Passenger Transport Policy & Strategy (PTPS) and it was identified that the majority of localities along the 159’s route will continue to have access to an alternative local bus service. For the localities on the route of the 159 without access to an alternative service currently, the council will assess how essential travel needs can be met via the provision of a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service. It is recognised that no direct service from Hinckley to Coalville will be available, however, such journeys fall outside the scope of the PTPS, the focus of which is ensuring that residents continue to have access to food shopping and primary healthcare at a local centre.*

*With regards to Market Bosworth specifically. Market Bosworth, as a local centre, has amenities which meets the councils PTPS by enabling residents to access food shopping and primary healthcare. Furthermore, Market Bosworth will continue to be served by the commercial Arriva service 153 which provides residents the option of reaching locations such as Leicester. We acknowledge that this may not provide people with their preferred choice of destination and times of travel, however, the council is simply not in a financial position to continue to offer a choice of destinations and times of travel, through the ongoing level of support this service required.”*

- Additionally, please find on the following page a table that shows the list of fare stages on the route of the 159, and the alternative bus services available to residents or where a DRT service will be provided.

<b>Fare stage</b>	<b>Alternative services available within fare stage</b>
Hinckley Train Station	Arriva 6/6A/7, X6
Hinckley Bus Station	Arriva 1, 2, 6/6A/7, 8, X6, 158, Stagecoach 48L
Burbage Common Road	Arriva 1, 2
Barwell Square	Arriva 2, 158, Stagecoach 48L
Stapleton (Whole Village)	Provision of a new DRT service
Woodlands Nursery (covers households in the vicinity of Dobbie’s Garden centre)	Provision of a new DRT service
Cadeby (Whole Village) & Sutton Turn	Provision of a new DRT service
Market Bosworth	Arriva 153, Stagecoach 7
Bull in the Oak (Market Bosworth)	Arriva 153
Newbold Verdon	Arriva 153
Barlestone Red Lion	Arriva 153
Osbaston Tollgate	Arriva 153
Nailstone (Whole Village)	Provision through an existing DRT service
Junction of A447 & B582	Provision of a new DRT service
Ibstock High Street	Arriva 15
Ibstock Royal Oak	Arriva 15
Ibstock Co-op	Arriva 15
Ibstock Works	Arriva 15
Ellistown	Arriva 15, 26/26A, Midland Classic 125
Brambles Road / Highfield Street (Hugglescote)	Provision of a new DRT service
Rest of Hugglescote	Arriva 15, 26/26A, Midland Classic 125

Coalville Marlborough Square	Arriva 11/11A, 15, 16, 26/26A, 126, Midland Classic 125 Trent Barton Skylink Nottingham
Coalville Linford Crescent	Arriva 11/11A, 29/29A

- For further information, on how DRT will be operating across the division, the following link will be useful: <https://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/DRTBarton-Carlton-West-Mkt-Bos-Nailstone.pdf>.

## And Finally

I should have added these to the January Newsletter but they will come around.

### UNIVERSAL CALENDAR

	<u>Headlines/News Flashes</u>	<u>Local Scene</u>
<u>January</u>	OBESITY/ALCOHOLISM WARNINGS (SUMMER) HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES ON TV CELEBRITY DIET RESOLUTIONS SWIMMERS BREAK ICE IN SERPENTINE WOMEN CRUSHED IN SALES RUSH SEASONAL SALES FIGURES - CBI UNHAPPY	Valentine stuff on sale  M1/A1/A46 blocked First Easter eggs on display
<u>February</u>	ROAD CHAOS – LACK OF GRITTERS OIL/GAS/POWER SHORTAGES, PRICES UP FITNESS REGIMES ABANDONED ENGLAND LOSES RUGBY MATCH AVALANCHES/LACK OF SNOW ON SKI SLOPES SCHOOL PARTY RESCUED, POORLY EQUIPPED	Only tables for 2 (Valentines) DIY/decorating stuff on sale
<u>March</u>	EASTER GETAWAY CHAOS HUNTING LOBBY UP IN ARMS, NOBODY UNDERSTANDS COUNTRY WAYS START OF SUMMERTIME – WHY HAVE IT SQUABBLE (FARMERS, SAFETY)	Commercial Easter tat display First warm day flesh display
<u>April</u>	SCHOOL PARTIES TRAVEL UNPREPARED EASTER RETURN CHAOS	Newark festival squabbles
<u>May</u>	SCHEDULES CLEARED FOR CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW PRESENTERS BRITISH AGONISE OVER WIMBLEDON HOPES WETTEST/DRIEST MONTH DEBATE	
<u>June</u>	WATER LEAKS INCREASE – UTILITY EXECS SALARIES RISE ROYAL ASCOT – HATS & QUEENIE ON FRONT PAGES TOUR RIDERS / ATHLETES DENY TAKING DRUGS	
<u>July</u>	CHARTS OF HOTTEST/COOLEST EVER RECORDS ENGLAND LOSES CRICKET MATCH HOT DAY – BRITS HAVE TO COPE WITH SUN HOSEPIPE BANS UPROAR	More tattooed flesh on display Back-to-school items on display

August

HARVEST PROGRESS, FARMERS UNHAPPY  
AIRPORTS CHAOS/STRIKES  
PM SEEN ON HOLIDAY  
A LEVEL RESULTS – BEST EVER CLAIM,  
GIRLS HUG, CBI UNHAPPY  
GCSE RESULTS – BEST EVER CLAIM,  
GIRLS HUG, BUT 3R's STANDARDS FALL,  
CBI UNHAPPY  
BANK HOLIDAY CHAOS, CALL TO  
RENATIONALISE RAIL, CBI UNHAPPY

Local Scene

First smack on thigh of holiday  
Youths jump into Trent  
Taggers spray town

First Xmas cards on sale  
Book now for Xmas dinner

Newark fireworks

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September

UNIV. DEFICIENCIES – TOO MANY/FEW  
PLACES, DIMMER APPLICANTS  
WRONG/EASIER SUBJECTS, CBI UNHAPPY  
WE OWED IT TO THE FEW/NOT JUST THE FEW  
IN 1940

Traffic queues on new school run  
Hallowe'en masks, etc on sale

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October

MOTORWAY CHAOS, BRITS HAVE TO  
COPE WITH FOG  
FUEL PRICES SOAR  
SKI HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES ON TV  
END OF SUMMERTIME – WHY HAVE IT  
SQUABBLE (FARMERS, SAFETY)

Musical Santas in garden centres  
Xmas tat on permanent display

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November

FIREWORK/BONFIRE CASUALTIES –  
CALLS FOR MORE SAFETY/COMPENSATION  
POPPIES, REMEMBRANCE & ROYALS  
PARDONS PLEA FOR FIELD PUNISHMENTS  
ENGLAND LOSES FOOTBALL MATCH  
COLD SNAP, FUEL PRICES UP, AGED AT RISK

Newark Xmas lights squabble

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December

TV SCHEDULES SWITCH TO REPEATS  
MOTORWAY CHAOS – BRITS FACE SNOW/ICE  
REVIEWS OF YEAR/DEAD CELEBS  
PARENTS PANIC IN MUST-HAVE TOYS RUSH  
RETAIL SALES WORRY  
MAKE CHRISTMAS MULTI-FAITH – BISHOPS,  
RABBIS, IMAMS UNHAPPY  
DOOM PREDICTIONS OF NOSTRADAMUS  
DRINK DRIVING AS BAD/NOT QUITE AS BAD/WORSE

Competition for most vulgar  
Santa-on-sleigh illuminations  
reaches peak

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You can tick them off as we proceed through the year. Thanks, Walter, for sharing this with me.

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If you have any items you would like to preserve for future generations, please contact MBS, or any Committee member.

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Nigel Palmer  
Chairman

## Answers Quiz 1

1. Carolingian
2. Foreign Invaders
3. Fief
4. Military Aid
5. Yes
6. Homage
7. They were bound to the land.
8. Black Death
9. Russia
10. Daimyo

## Answers Quiz 2

1. False
2. Mound a castle was built on.
3. True
4. Dummy used in jousting practice.
5. A Scutage
6. Medieval instrument akin to a trombone
7. False
8. Room used for serving beer and wine.
9. False
10. War engine used to hurl heavy missiles.