

Dear Member

Welcome to your July Newsletter. There is quite a variety of items in this month, together with a few old favourites. I hope you enjoy reading it and find it interesting, informative and entertaining. If you have any articles you think would be of interest to members, please send them to me.

## Carlton Guided Walk ([Carlton Guided Walk 20th July 2023 « Market Bosworth Society](#))

Over thirty members took part in a guided walk of Carlton, led by the most capable and knowledgeable Chris Peat. We learned all about many of the houses and buildings in Carlton which has three listed properties: Manor House Farm, Stone House Farm and of course St. Andrew's Church. We started our walk west to Church Cottage which is regrettably under threat of demolition. It was once the bakery in Carlton but there were insufficient features within the cottage to enable it to be protected by a listing. We



were shown the stone plinth which supported the walls, and it could be seen that the stones used were of different materials, odd sizes and rounded. This suggests they were not mined but collected from the fields to use as building materials. Higher-quality buildings used quarried stone laid in courses. We then crossed the road to Manor House Farm. The official listing makes interesting reading: *"Partially limestone rubble though extended in brick, with plain tiled roofs. Two storeyed, gable onto street, but lower rear wing parallel to it, containing doorway in small lean-to. Main block of two units with 3-light casement and 4-light sash windows, with one bay to left added in brick. Lower section towards street with the doorway and 16-light sash window to first floor in gable. Partial cambered heads of blocked*



*window openings visible. Rear wing has blocked window and 3-light casements to ground floor, 16 pane sash windows above. Gable and axial stacks."* The listing suggests it is 18<sup>th</sup> Century, but Chris believes it is at least 17<sup>th</sup> Century. As a portion is built of Carlton Stone with small stone window frames, I think it must be much earlier and agree with Chris. Similar properties in Market Bosworth date to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. We moved onto



the village green passing another property due for demolition, this time a lovely Victorian house. Such a shame that a house which has stood since 1886 is to be demolished. We passed a house where carpentry was done to the Malt Shovel which was the original village pub. There were two pubs in Carlton but this one had long since become a private residence.

On to the village green and the old schoolhouse. The schoolhouse was built in 1848 by the trustees of the Dixie Grammar School to educate the poor of the parish. This was the same year that the schoolhouse was built in Park Street, Market Bosworth, and the year the Old Rectory on Rectory Lane was completed. We then went by Little Lane, so called because each Friday the two schoolteachers took the children on a nature ramble. The bigger children went off along Congerstone Lane and the smaller children went along the fields, hence the Little Lane. Carlton Parish Council have



added an information board similar to the one in the grounds of The Gate Hangs Well. We emerged behind the Old Rectory, welcomed by two very friendly donkeys, from where we could see the Carlton Charity Lands established in 1317, the Battlefield Line Railway and the Ashby Canal. On our way back to the church we passed the Victorian letter box which was once within the wall of the Post Office but when the building became a residence it was moved to the churchyard wall.

Once back in the church we enjoyed the newly created community space, oh and lots of tea and cake! All the cake was donated as was Chris's time and so the proceeds over £180 were to go to the *Friends of St Andrews* for the maintenance of the church building. There was a lot more, I have omitted more than have included here but I hope you have a flavour of our cream tea walk in Carlton.

## **Society Visit to Middleton Hall and Gardens 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### **(Attendee list closes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023)**

You are invited to attend the second of this year's Summer Visits with a trip to Middleton Hall & Gardens. I have been asked to provide final numbers on the 3rd August 2023. This is to enable the volunteer staff to



prepare for our visit. Middleton Hall is a Grade II listed building dating back to medieval times. It is situated in the North Warwickshire district of the county of Warwickshire in England, south of Fazeley and Tamworth and on the opposite side of the A4091 road to Middleton village.

The Manor of Middleton was held by the Freville family until 1418 and came to the Willoughbys by virtue of the marriage of the heiress Margaret de Freville to Sir Hugh Willoughby. The Willoughbys

already had extensive estates in Nottinghamshire and elsewhere, their principal seat being Wollaton Hall, Nottingham.

In the mid-17th century the hall was the home of Francis Willoughby, the mathematician and naturalist, and passed to his descendants, the Middleton barons. The hall was also for a time the home of the parson-naturalist John Ray. The Georgian west wing dates from the late 18th century. In 1812 the estates and the baronetcy passed to Henry Willoughby of the Birdsall, Yorkshire branch of the family and Middleton declined in importance in family terms. The Middleton and Wollaton estates were sold in the 1920s.



The hall was allowed to fall into disrepair over many years and since 1980 has been restored by a charitable trust. Much work has been done on the main hall, walled garden, Tudor barn complex (now craft shops) and a 16th-century jettied building, which was close to collapse before restoration commenced. The stables and lodging block are on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register due to their poor condition.

The surrounding 40 acres of land include two walled gardens, the largest man-made lake in Warwickshire, much woodland and Middleton Lakes RSPB reserve.

The visit is planned to start at 11:00 (please be prompt) with a welcoming tea or coffee and a 15 minute introduction to the Hall and your visit. We will then separate into two groups. Group A will enjoy the extensive gardens and wildlife reserve whilst group B will enjoy a guided tour of the Hall. Once these tours are complete we will join up for luncheon, before reversing the process and Group A will tour the Hall with Group B touring the gardens and nature reserve. Please remember to dress appropriately with sensible shoes and a waterproof coat (it will be in August after all)

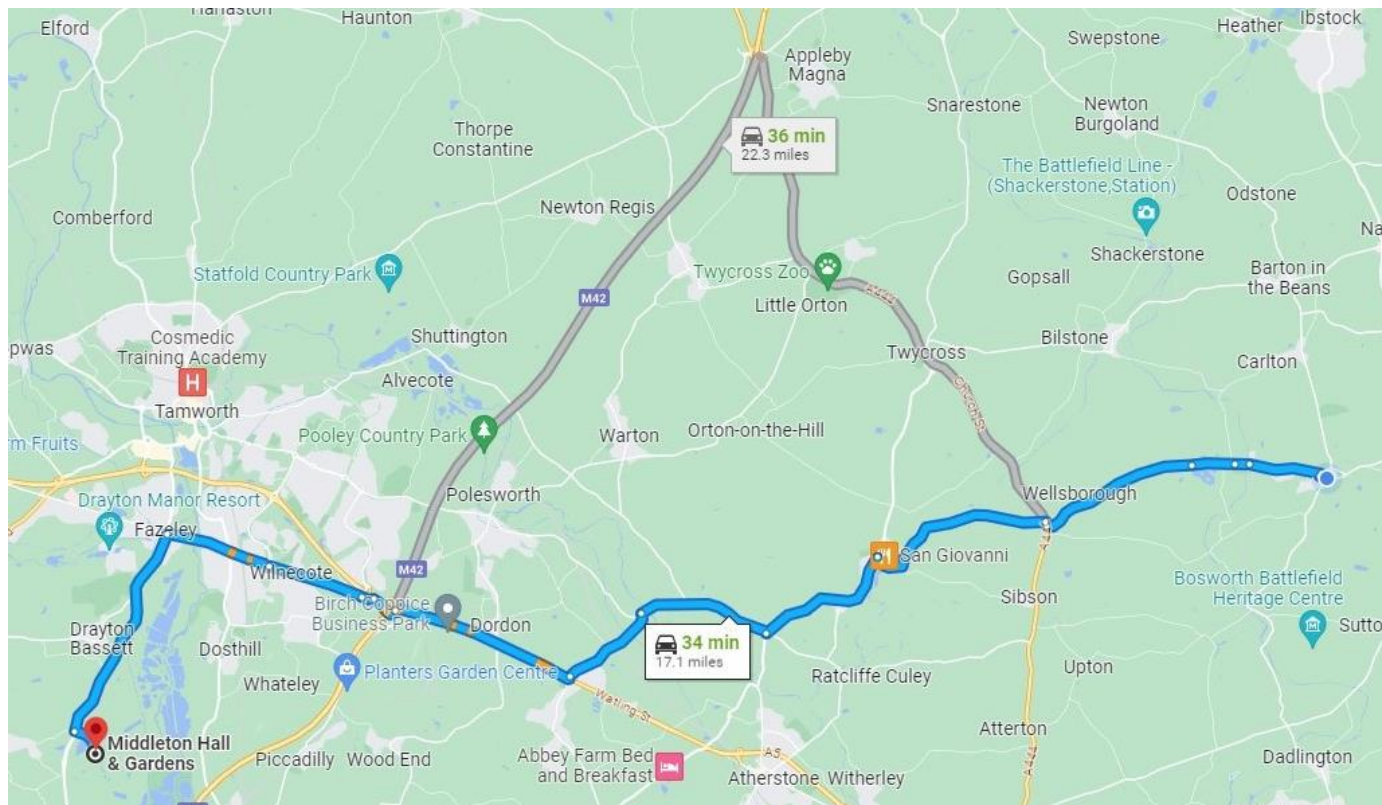


Lunch is to be volunteer made cake; sandwiches and possibly toasties, as well as hot/cold drinks. For those not wishing to purchase their lunch you will be able to bring your own packed lunch.

I anticipate that members will be back in Market Bosworth for about 17:00. The cost of the day (excluding luncheon) is £12.50.

If you would like to attend, please email [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) to secure a place. I am advised that there is a limit on numbers so please do not delay adding your name to the attendees list.

Middleton Hall is 17 miles from Market Bosworth and should take 34 minutes (Approximately) to get there.



Please car share wherever possible as parking is restricted at Middleton Hall. If anyone would like a larger map I can arrange for that. The address for your satnav is: Middleton, Tamworth B78 2AE.

I look forward to seeing you there.

## **Update – Luncheon Menu available at Middleton Hall**

The tearoom can offer the following menu for lunches:

Ham/ham and cheese/Cheese & pickle/cheese and tomato - toastie or sandwich or baguette

They have a selection of volunteer made cakes available as well as prepackaged loaf cakes and bars.

They serve teas/coffees/hot chocolate and a selection of soft drinks (Fentimans; 7up; Pepsi max; Frobisher juices; water etc. also. Their tearoom is volunteer ran and all proceeds go back into the charity.

There is a coffee shop in the courtyard across the moat called Bake 180, here is a link to their website:

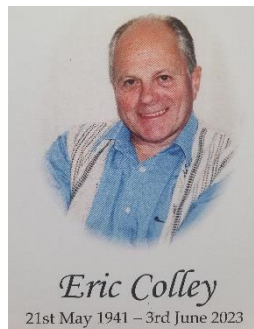
<https://bake180coffeeshop.co.uk/>

They also have a small number of benches available across the estate where picnics can be brought and consumed.

The choice is yours to picnic or not to picnic that is the question. (Depends upon the weather!).

## ERIC COLLEY OBITUARY - Peter Loseby

Eric became a member of the Market Bosworth Society when it was reformed in 2005. Eric quickly became involved in the work of the Society, commencing with the production of the Market Bosworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal. Not only did he provide some of the photographs used in the Appraisal but was part of the team tasked with surveying Bosworth Hall and Wilderness.



When the 2011 Oral History project commenced it was Eric with his archaic recording equipment who interviewed some thirty participants, putting them at their ease and encouraging them to share their valuable memories. Memories that Glynis Oakley used in her book *'Memories Forged in Market Bosworth.'*

Other work Eric was involved with included the production of the Town Trail guide and in 2009 researching the history of Bosworth Park Infirmary.

He was also interviewed by the BBC Midland News about the history of the Bilstone gibbet post, which had been used to display the body of John Massey. Eric recounted how Massey's skull had been turned into a punch bowl and the fact that the ghosts of two women in wet clothes had been seen. He could not keep his impish grin off his face! A memory you can share by watching the recording on YouTube. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IeW0ERZb1AI>).

When I became Chairman in 2011, I had the good fortune to have Eric as my Society Secretary. Whilst I would be running around like a headless chicken Eric was always there with his reassuring and calming smile telling me to leave it to him and he would sort it out, which he invariably did.

Eric was a stalwart supporter and servant of the Society but he did have other interests which included tennis, ballroom dancing and he was a vintage car enthusiast owning a Triumph Stag in which he and his wife June would travel to rallies not only in this country but in Europe as well.

My lasting memories of Eric are poignant. In 2014 the Society Committee were meeting in the kitchen at the Forge to discuss the forthcoming AGM. Eric quietly and with a great deal of dignity announced that he would not be seeking re-election as he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It was typical of Eric to tell his colleagues this life changing news with no fuss.

I last met Eric when we both attended the funeral of Robin Greenfield. During our conversation and in the space of no more than ten minutes Eric asked me on at least four occasions if I had heard that he had Alzheimer's. I told him yes but eventually said to Eric *"That's the fifth time you have told me Eric."* *"Is it?"* he asked. We looked at each other and that impish grin spread across his face and we both threw our heads back and laughed. Typical of Eric to smile in the face of adversity!

Not only the Society, but the community as well, owe a debt of gratitude to Eric for helping to collect and save the rich history of Market Bosworth.

## Hinckley & District Parkinson's Group – Can you help Robert?



*CHALLENGE 34 – raising funds for the local group to mark the Group's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

# SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE CLIMB



The Parkinson Group Publicity Officer, Robert, is aiming to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge, climbing with his grandson, Oliver, to raise funds for the local Parkinson's Group. To link it with **Challenge 34** he wishes to obtain sponsorship for climbing the highest 34 steps.

The sponsorship will prevent any 'cold feet' or a change of mind at the last minute, as this will provide the incentive to go through with it! All the necessary medical forms have been signed so it is all systems go!

So if you would like to encourage Robert you are very welcome to offer sponsorship, either personally through a Sponsorship Form or by bank transfer to the Parkinsons Group account:

Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom (Usually no apostrophe in Parkinsons and put in as much of the name as your bank allows - it may not all fit!)

**Sort Code: 20-00-00      Account Number: 13793761**

**Please add BRIDGE CLIMB as the reference.**

**Many thanks for your support.** No amount is too small as even 34p would be appropriate for the Challenge. Whatever is raised will help to continue our policy that all activities [exercise, singing, dance] run by the group will be free of charge to all the participants.



*A visit to Sydney with Pauline in 2008, nine years before Pauline was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2017.*

**THANKS AGAIN.**

## King Richard's Cairn!

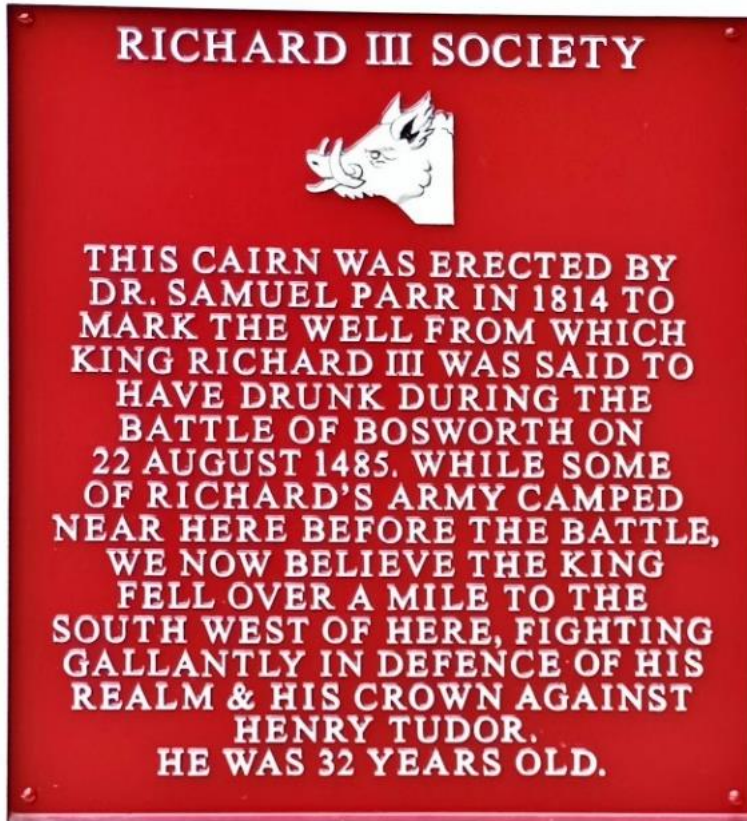
Peter Foss has been in touch and has very kindly shared a letter he has sent to the Ricardian regarding an error. He has also kindly given permission to share it in this Newsletter. A letter he sent to the Ricardian Bulletin.

30 June 2023

*Dear Sir*

*Excuse me for pointing out that the new plaque installed by the Richard III Society on the cairn at Ambion Hill, Bosworth Battlefield Centre, is in error. Your readers will remember that I published an article in your magazine in September 2018 (republished in the Market Bosworth Magazine 'Aspect', Volume 28, issue 6, March 2019) in which I demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that the cairn did not exist before 1818. This is proved by notes made in January of that year by a visitor to the battlefield (Charles Yarnold) who described the hill and its landscape devoid of any monument (see Collection for Sir George Buck's 'History of Richard III, Volume 2' in BL MS Egerton 2218, f.228). Furthermore, the printing in 1822 of a broadsheet by Ward of Hinckley, reproducing Dr Parr's Latin inscription, would most likely date the cairn exactly. Of course, Parr would not have built it himself but may have put up the money. My conclusion in that article was that Samuel Abell and his men from Ambion Hill Farm built it.*

*Dr Peter Foss*



Peter sent me some further information:

*'The date of 1822 for the construction of the cairn at King Richard's Well on Ambion Hill is supported by an entry in the 'Leicester Journal' dated 8 November 1822, which reports the Latin plaque being put in place on 15 October of that year. A copy of this plaque with its Latin inscription composed by Dr Samuel Parr can be seen inside the well today but this copy on slate was made in 1964, when the Richard III Society restored the cairn.'*

## King Richards Well

Here, for context and also for new members, who may not have seen an earlier Newsletter, is the article also written by Peter Foss from Aspect in March 2019. Reprinted here with Peter's kind permission.

### King Richard's Well, Bosworth Field

I was interested to see the Saxon Barton photograph of 'King Richard's Well' in the June 2018 *Bulletin* (frontispiece), and I have some comments to make on it. These arise from correspondence I have had with a PhD candidate in Canada doing research on the commemoration of battlefields. He asked me specifically about the Well and the cairn above it.

To begin with, as far as I know, the Well has never been called ‘Dickon’s Well’ but rather ‘King Richard’s Well’ or ‘King Dick’s Well.’ Nor, so I now believe, was it built in 1813 by Dr Samuel Parr. Its history, as far as I can piece it together, is as follows:

Samuel Parr (1747-1825) was an antiquary and minister resident in Hatton, Warwickshire, elderly at the time but well-known to Nichols. His letter to John Nichols of September 1813 quoted in Nichols’ second edition (1813) of William Hutton’s 1788 book, *The Battle of Bosworth Field* (p.24 in the 1999 Tempus reprinting), states that at the time the supposed Well was not commemorated with any monument and so he tried to ascertain its location, and then to have it preserved. But before he could do anything, he first had to discover who was the owner of the land. This took some time, and the dates of his two visits seem to have been about 1807 and then 1812. Because the landscape had changed so radically in the interim – drainage, clearance and boundaries established (in the wake of the Sutton Cheney Enclosure Act of 1799), Parr had difficulty finding the exact place on the second visit. In the event it was the local farmer, ‘a good intelligent fellow,’ who showed him the place. They put stones and wood in the hole (a boggy patch) and Parr sought then to involve Lord Wentworth of Mallory Park and others to commemorate the place with a monument.

The exact ownership of the land was crucial because the spring lay just a few feet on the western side of an important Enclosure boundary dividing the Stuart estate from land allocated to William Webster Esq., attorney of Ashbourne, legatee of Dr John Taylor, also of Ashbourne and former Rector of Bosworth. This explains in part Parr’s convoluted enquiry. Webster, living in Derbyshire, would not have been too much concerned about the historical significance of a spring on a rough parcel of his distant property. However, he had family connections in the village, so he may have been quite willing to give permission, although his main concern was a pecuniary one. In any case his property was amalgamated with the Stuart estate (the main holding in Sutton Cheney) in 1826. At the time of Enclosure this was held by William Stuart, Bishop of St David’s (afterwards Archbishop of Armagh), and again he, another absentee landlord, was unlikely to involve himself in the historical preservation of a spring on Ambion Hill. Then there is mention of Lord Wentworth, which is puzzling, since the Noels had no proprietorial status in Sutton or Ambion, though it may well be that he was consulted through the mediation of the Rector of Kirkby Mallory, Lynes, antiquarian friend of Parr. Thomas Noel, Viscount Wentworth, in any case, died in 1815, after which the title was in abeyance. So, in all, the consultation on such a proposal with local landowners, and its putting into effect, did not look promising.

Furthermore, we have evidence that the cairn did not exist in 1813, because a certain ‘[Charles?] Yarnold,’ traveller from Cheshire, visited the site in 1818 and gave a fairly detailed description of the landscape of Ambion Hill, specifically mentioning the spring, devoid of monument but simply boggy ground. This account, dated 22 January 1818, is in a manuscript notebook discovered by Tim Parry some years ago at the British Library (copy now in my possession). It seems likely, therefore, that the date of the building of the cairn can be placed after 1818 and before 1825, the year of Parr’s death. My guess is that, first, a memorial of such significance on a major battlefield, if constructed by a local worthy or landowner, would have been a more distinguished structure than the rather crude cairn that exists, and second, that Parr’s only hand in it would have been to contribute some, if not all, of the money needed and provide the Latin inscription. This indeed seems to be confirmed by the citation in Nichols’ edition (p. [23] in the Tempus reprinting), quoting the Latin inscription and giving a date of 1822. This was a copy of a broadsheet published by Ward the Printers of Hinckley and could very well date the cairn exactly.

So, who built it? I have no doubt it was the local farmer, Samuel Abell, Parr’s ‘good intelligent fellow,’ and his farm-hands (again described by Yarnold as ‘intelligent fellows,’ the ‘hinds’ that helped him find the spring). These people would certainly have had the initiative and motivation to commemorate a spring which, though maybe not strictly on the land they farmed, was nevertheless used by them for years past (as recorded by Parr). They would have had to organise the carting of stone from one of the granite quarries not far off, as the stone used is not from the locality. Samuel Abell was the tenant farmer who, after Enclosure, was put in by the Stuart estate at the newly-rebuilt Ambion Hill (or Upper Ambion) Farm (now the Battlefield Centre) in 1801. His family had farmed in the neighbourhood for generations, and he was the second most important tenant farmer in Sutton. He would have been familiar with the historical connections, and possibly very willing

to build on them. (Maps and documents show that the Stuart estate, after the appearance of Hutton's book and its re-publication by Nichols, began to elaborate erroneous associations with the battle through their reorganisation of field-names etc.). The Abells knew where springs were, but whether this particular spring was the spring of legend is difficult to say. There are about three springs on Ambion Hill and there is topographical evidence that the King Richard's Well one had been re-channelled. A Sutton Estate terrier of 1784 mentions only an 'Ambiem Well' [sic] on Ambion Hill, although the earliest citation I have been able to find of a 'K. Richd Well' [sic] is on a canal map drawn up in 1781 giving an alternative route for the proposed Ashby navigation. This, of course, predates Hutton and is good evidence of the existence of the legendary Well before the antiquaries got hold of it.

Dr Peter Foss

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## Photographs and Documents

We have not asked for a while about your treasured photographs and documents. The Archivists are always



on the lookout for photographs, old or new which show Market Bosworth or the surrounding villages. If you have any and would like them preserved please contact the Society. We are happy to take originals or make copies (we can do this for videos as well) for the archive. We can make them available immediately, after some time or not at all. It is up to the doner. Documents are no different. Some precious information is lost every time a property becomes registered

as the deeds are then discarded.

## Date that image!



I have been contacted by David Woolerton who has dated the picture to before 1931. David explained that the bowling green on Rectory Lane was in existence in 1931. The photograph shows the ground before when it was used as a market garden known locally as the Cabbage Patch. David also pointed out that the Parish Field does not appear to be present which may be another clue. Does anyone know when the Parish Field was created?

## Origins of the name Dixie

Walter Baynes has been working on the Dixie Grammar School Association Archive and came across this interesting item. He sent it to me and I think you may find it interesting.

*The word "Dixie" refers to privately issued currency originally from the Citizens State Bank (located in the French Quarter of New Orleans) and then other banks in Louisiana. These banks issued ten-dollar notes, labelled "Dix", French for "ten", on the reverse side.*

*The notes were known as "Dixies" by English-speaking southerners, and the area around New Orleans and the French-speaking parts of Louisiana came to be known as "Dixieland". Eventually, usage of the term broadened to refer to most of the Southern States.*

*The word preserves the name of a "Mr. Dix" or "Mr. Dixy", a slave owner on Manhattan Island, where slavery was legal until 1827. His rule was so kind that "Dixy's Land" became famed far and wide as an Elysium abounding in material comforts.*

*"Dixie" derives from Jeremiah Dixon, a surveyor of the Mason-Dixon line which defined the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania, and, for the most part, free and slave states (Delaware, a Union border state, and slave state up to the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, lay north and east of the survey line.)"*

You can access the Dixie Grammar School Association website via this link .[The Dixie Grammar School Association \(thedgsa.co.uk\)](http://TheDixieGrammarSchoolAssociation(thedgsa.co.uk))

## Dixie Family and Bosworth Hall Archivist – Peter Loseby

In June Eleanor Dixie flew into the UK to visit her friends and family in Market Bosworth. I took the opportunity to arrange to have lunch with her and Caroline. I invited Nigel along too. I wanted to discuss the



Dixie family records with Eleanor and Caroline. Indeed progress is being made for more of their records to be lodged with the Market Bosworth Society Archive, subject to finalising the details for the transfer

The luncheon meeting went very well and we scheduled a second meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July, Eleanor suffered a mild stroke. Although she was forced to spend the weekend in hospital, much to her annoyance she is now back with her friend Pam Riley and is making an excellent recovery. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Eleanor a speedy recovery to full health. Before she became ill Eleanor posed for a photograph by the Green Plaque to her Great, Grandmother Lady Florence Dixie.

## Time for a quiz.

Now, let us discover what you know about Queen Anne.

1. Anne Stuart was born in Kensington Palace in 1665. Who was her father?

1. Arthur, Duke of Connaught
2. William, Duke of Clarence
3. James, Duke of York
4. Henry, Duke of Gloucester

2. After Anne's mother died in 1671, her father remarried. His second consort was a Roman Catholic. What was her name?

1. Mary of Teck
2. Mary of Modena
3. Mary of Scotland
4. Mary Tudor

3. The new duchess of York had a maid of honour who became close to Anne, in a friendship that lasted until the later years of Anne's reign. Who was this person?

1. Jane Ely
2. Emily Cathcart
3. Elizabeth Jones
4. Sarah Churchill

4. Anne was married in 1683 to whom?

1. Prince Louis of France
2. Prince Eric of Sweden
3. Prince George of Denmark
4. Prince George of Hanover

5. After the Glorious Revolution in 1688, Anne's elder sister, Mary, was put on the throne along with her husband. What was his name?

1. Louis of Hesse
2. Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
3. William of Orange
4. Georg Ludwig of Hanover

6. Anne, her sister and brother-in-law enjoyed a good relationship.

1. True
2. False

7. When William III died in 1702, Anne became queen. Which political party did she favour at the beginning of her reign?

1. Tory
2. Liberal
3. Whig
4. Socialist

8. Two key figures in the reign of Queen Anne were responsible for maintaining Britain's supremacy in Europe. Who were they?

1. The Duke of Norfolk and the Earl of Arundel
2. The Duke of Shrewsbury and the Earl of Oxford
3. The Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Godolphin
4. The Duke of Richmond and the Earl of Rochester

9. In 1711, Anne dismissed Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough, as well as the Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Godolphin, from all their offices. Name one who replaced them in Anne's affections.

1. Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester
2. William Cecil, Baron Burghley
3. Abigail Masham, Baroness Masham

4. Jane Ely, Marchioness of Ely

10. Just before Anne's death in 1714, she dismissed Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, from his offices. Nearing death, to which minister did she give the staff of office?

1. Duke of Newcastle
2. Duke of Shrewsbury
3. Duke of Richmond
4. Duke of Norfolk

Answers at the end of this Newsletter.

## **Ash Dieback Disease - via Bertie Harrison-Rushton County Councillor**

Ash Dieback is a real threat to ash trees across the country. There are many thousands of ash trees in Leicestershire and it looks as though we will lose most if not all of them. Bertie has asked that we spread the word so that as many people as possible understand the threat and where they can get help. The link to the website is below.

- Leicestershire County Council is dealing with the ongoing challenge of ash dieback, which has seen thousands of ash trees wiped out across the UK.
- The highly destructive disease is caused by a fungus and can lead to infected trees shedding branches or limbs, or potentially falling as the tree dies.
- There are no exact figures for the number of ash trees in Leicestershire, but it is estimated that there are more than half a million in the county, with around 120,000 of them at the side of roads.
- Many of the trees are on private land, and the council is working to raise awareness of the issue among residents, businesses and landowners to remind them of their responsibility to ensure their trees do not become a hazard to road users and member of the public using footpaths.
- The council has created a booklet full of help and advice on ash dieback, including clear information on the steps which landowners with infected trees on their land need to take to halt the spread of the disease, as well as pictures showing the symptoms of ash dieback. The booklets have been supplied to each of Leicestershire's 130 tree wardens to support their work with landowners, and are available to download from the council's website:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/tree-for-every-person/ash-dieback-and-other-threats>

- The County Council Is helping to plant 700,000 more trees - one for every person living in Leicestershire – over the next decade.
- The tree planting drive has just reached the landmark figure of 250,000 trees.

Bertie Harrison-Rushton, County Councillor, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire LE3 BRA Telephone: 0116 232 3232

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk)

It is very worrying when we seem to be losing our mature and vintage trees. There is one Oak on Sutton Lane which has died and its neighbour looks to be dying. It is though, part of nature and we must accept it

but making sure that we have supported the trees as best we can. We can also try to plant trees as one day they too will be mature and vintage.

## Can you Help?

Andrew Jones shared this photograph with me and he was wondering if anyone can name the people present. The magnificent weather cock has since fallen to earth and we await its replacement. On the back of the



photograph is written "Mrs Fisher's class, approximately 1960 -62, located in Nissan Hut behind Church Walk Park Street". About where the Rectory now stands – NP. Can you name all 14 or just a few of them? Please email [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) with your answers.

## Can you help 2?

Each year for the Leicestershire Festival of Archaeology the MBS offers a free Town Trail Guided Walk and this year two of the participants were Bev and Rob Chippendale. After the walk Bev sent me this email.

Hi Nigel

Thank you for the tour on Saturday, we both really enjoyed it.

My husband's family on his maternal side all come from Market Bosworth and the surrounding area. His great grandparents were William and Mary Henson. He was born 1841 in Market Bosworth and her maiden name was Kendall and she was born in Sutton Cheney. His other great grandparents were John and Elizabeth Smith and they came from Twycross.

Please let me know if you can find a photo of Sutton Cheney and the Hercules with the cottage attached to the archway. I understand that it was originally the coopers cottage  
Bev.

So far I have been unable to find a photograph although Richard Shepherd said that he believed that the cottage was once two cottages. Do you have any photographs of the Hercules? Do you have any information about the Hercules or the cottage, cottages. If so please get in touch and I will send anything received to Bev and Rob.

## Street Lighting Consultation

Leicestershire County Council continues to face significant financial challenges with the authority's budget gap set to rise to nearly £90m by 2026. The council is also committed to reducing the impact of climate change.

Through its Medium-Term Financial Strategy, the council has identified potential savings of approximately £500,000 with a street lighting proposal, which also reduces energy consumption by 1.508m kWh and carbon emissions by 315 tonnes a year.

Advances in LED lighting – and their management systems – mean the council has an opportunity to tweak lighting levels during less-busy periods. Currently, all streetlights are lit to various levels across the county, some of which gradually dim through the night.

Following approval at the Cabinet on 23 June 2023, the council is now launching a consultation to seek views on dimming most streetlights in the county to levels of 30 percent from 8pm (down from 50%), depending on the location, and to understand where we should have exceptions to this approach.

The majority of the residential street lighting provision dims to 30% at 10pm and visiting a residential street after 10pm will help give residents an understanding of what this lower lighting level looks like.

To have your say, visit the [consultation](#) page. The consultation runs until Thursday 3 August.

## Nelly A Folk Musical

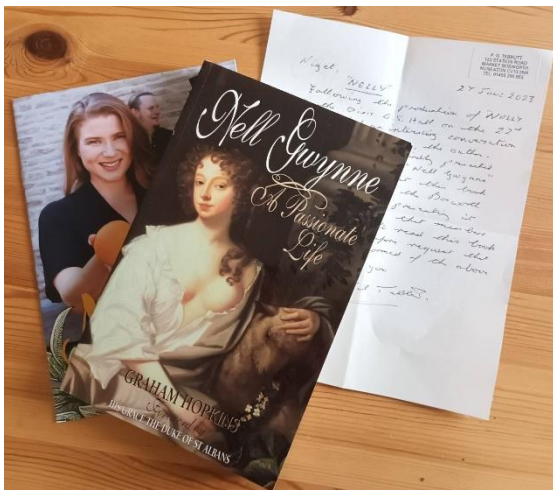
I asked Graham to let me have a few photographs from the performance on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June and he has sent me over 200. I have placed some on the website on the Latest News page for you to have a look at them. They are really good and a great reminder of that night. I hope you enjoy looking at them. The link is <https://marketbosworthsociety.com/nelly-22-6-23/>

The soundtrack is planned to be available in August via Do The Write Thing, I will update you with information as it becomes available.

## Nelly – A Passionate Life by Graham Hopkins.

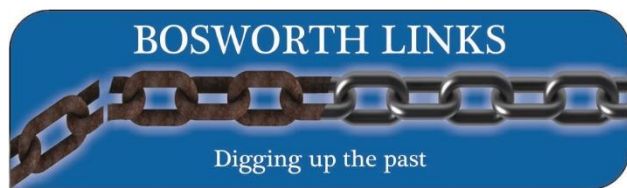
During the interval of the play Phil Tebbutt took the opportunity to have a chat with Graham Hopkins the

author and producer. During their chat Graham mentioned he had initially written a book and that the play was taken from the book. He then most generously presented Phil with a copy. Phil has, with equal kindness, passed the book on to me with a request that it is placed in the archive. Before it goes into the archive Phil wants to let members read the book. If you would like to borrow the book please email me on [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) and I will arrange to get it to you. It will be on a first email first read basis and I will start a list should there be more than one request. On your marks, get set.....



## Cadeby 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Plans are moving ahead smoothly for the next dig at Cadeby on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of



September. We will be welcoming volunteers both old and new. We need all roles, diggers, sievers, recorders, washers so there is no excuse for not coming along and doing something interesting and worthwhile. Experience is not necessary as full training will be given. We will also be organising a Master Class of Find Identifications

with Peter Liddle MBE before the dig. Date as yet to be arranged. If you have not already completed a volunteer form, pop over to [www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links](http://www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links) and fill in the volunteer form. Come and take part in something special, and do a bit of time trawling at the same time.

Why not come and see us at Cadeby Fete? It is on the 5<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm. We have been given a stand at the fete and will be there to recruit homeowners and volunteers. Cadeby Fete is always well attended with lots to do and the cakes are always scrumptious!

## Digital Scams (Trading Standards Newsletter)



Digital (also known as cyber) scams are any type of fraud that is perpetrated online using digital devices such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone, resulting in the loss of money, personal information, or passwords for the consumer. Criminals are using social media, email, and messaging services to target potential victims, and are getting more sophisticated in how they use technology to grow their reach. But that doesn't mean anyone has to become a victim. By understanding how the fraudsters operate and knowing the key warning signs, you can avoid falling for their scams.

### What techniques do scammers use to fool us?

While computer scams use technology, they tend to work using many of the same techniques as 'real-world' scams. This is known as 'social engineering' – fraudsters manipulate how people typically think and behave to get us to divulge sensitive information, hand out money, or give them access to computers or data. For instance, you might get fraudulent emails claiming to come from your bank, which direct you to a website where you'll enter your online banking credentials. Or you might get a call from someone offering to fix a security problem on your computer when they really want you to install software they can use to steal your most sensitive data. Scammers will pretend that they're protecting you, or doing you a favour, and even promise amazing offers that will save you money. All the time, they're trying to pressure you into doing what they want. Often, they will apply time pressure; act quickly to stay safe, avoid missing out on a good deal etc.

### What are scammers looking for?



Most scams are financially motivated, many though, are aimed at extracting information for financial gain, looking for any credentials you use when logging onto online banking or shopping with a credit card, or any information they can use to access your email or any online accounts. However, it's not just the obvious signs that should concern you. Even a seeming harmless quiz on social media can be used to get information – like your first pet, your first school or your

date of birth – that could be used elsewhere to answer, say, a security question protecting your online banking.

## **How might fraudsters approach us?**

The main techniques the fraudsters use doesn't change that much, the scams themselves keep evolving. Sometimes scams are recurring so you may see emails from the HMRC appearing at the end of the tax year, or parcel delivery scams in the run-up to Christmas, Black Friday sales have also become a focal point for fraudsters operating fake online stores. In other cases, scammers take advantage of real-world events. The Covid-19 pandemic inspired a wave of fake emails, text messages and phone calls appearing to come from the government, the NHS, HMRC or the Track and Trace programme. Other scams are just a case of the scammer trying something that they hope will affect a wide group of people, which is why so many use the TV license, BT Broadband services, or a problem with your laptop. You might even get messages about renewing an Amazon Prime account. The scammers don't actually know whether you use the products or services mentioned, but they know that enough people do that it's worth a try.

## **Why is this scam targeting me?**

These scams aren't personal, and they're usually designed to work across a wide range of people in the hope that even a few of us will get caught out. However, some people are more vulnerable than others, and scammers love to prey on older people who may be lonely or less confident with technology, or who may have age-related conditions. They will work hard to confuse and apply pressure to people who might not immediately spot the scam, or who might need support and advice before they say 'no'. The best weapon against them is to pause and take stock, as outlined by the campaign [Take Five](#). Stop and ask yourself:

- Have you been contacted out of the blue?
- Have you been asked to share personal details – especially unnecessary details?
- Are you being asked to install software or provide access to a computer, phone or tablet, or an online service or account?
- Does the person you are dealing with have all the information that a real representative of a company or organization would?
- Are they asking you to do something urgently or not mention what's happening to your friends, your family, or your bank.

If something seems suspicious, it probably is, so don't get pressured into moving forward.

For more detailed information about online banking and shopping, there are some great resources

at <https://getsafeonline.org/> and <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/beginners-guide-to-online-banking>.

# Summer Rogue Trader Warning

Be wary of cold callers or leaflets offering to undertake garden clearances, tree cutting and work to roofs and



gutters, or even home improvements. Citizens Advice are encouraging caution if anyone knocks on your door and offers to start work immediately, particularly if they are pushy or claim that urgent repairs are needed. The warning comes in conjunction with scams awareness week campaign which runs from 3 – 9 July, but it's important to be scam aware all year round. Rogue traders will target residents who may be elderly or vulnerable and overcharge for doing very little work. In some instances, leave the victim having to find a reputable trader to put right what they have done. They defraud victims through pressure selling, often offering substantial reductions to start the work there and then, breaching the victim's legal rights of a cooling off period. They then escalate the price once work has started. After carrying out work such as cutting back trees, they may charge to take the waste away and then often dump it illegally. While

cold calling is not against the law, it may be that the trader isn't all they seem and may be committing a criminal offence.

## Trading Standards advice if you need work carrying out:

- ✓ Get at least three quotes from traders known to you, family, or friends
- ✓ Do not answer the door to traders you do not know or have not asked to visit
- ✓ Display a no cold calling notice deter cold callers (You can request one from Trading Standards using the contact details at the end of this newsletter)
- ✓ You can report cold callers to Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

## Parcel Delivery Fraud

Parcel Delivery scams are by far the most common scam faced by consumers this year according to new research by the Citizens Advice, released as part to the Scams Awareness Campaign 2023. Almost half of people (49%) targeted by scammers had been on the receiving end of a malicious parcel delivery scam, with fraudsters attempting to get hold of personal information or bank details. The charity's research also reveals that 40 million people have been targeted by scams already in 2023.

If you're expecting a delivery and you receive a 'missed parcel' message:

1. Do **not** click the link and never give out personal bank details.
2. Use the **official websites** of delivery companies to track your parcel.
3. Forward the message to **7726**, a free spam-reporting service provided by phone operators. If you are not sure how to forward a text message from your particular device, search online for instructions.
4. **Delete** the message.

If you would like to report a scam, or you have been a victim of a scam, you can contact the following organisations:

Action Fraud – <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline - 0808 223 1133

To keep up to date with the latest scams information and advice, you can follow the

Leicestershire Trading Standards Service

Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/leicstradingstandards](https://www.facebook.com/leicstradingstandards)

Leicestershire Trading Standards Service Tel: 0116 305 8000 Email: [tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk) /LeicsTradingStandards Fraud is a serious issue in the UK, with consumers' losing over £1.2bn in 2022, the equivalent to £2,300 every minute!



## Paraproductians

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, then we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered, "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they're sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.

Thank you Beth!

**Contact Details** Please see the website [www.marketbosworthsociety.com](http://www.marketbosworthsociety.com) for information or email on [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) or if you would like to call MBS then 07930149408. Correspondence can be sent to Market Bosworth Society, c/o 29 Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire CV13 0JU.

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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

## Queen Anne Quiz Answers

### Question 1

3 James, Duke of York

James II, who was James, Duke of York at the time, had married Anne Hyde, daughter of the Earl of Clarendon, Charles II's chief minister. Anne was the second and youngest daughter and child of the marriage.

### Question 2.

2 Mary of Modena

James was allegedly drunk when he married Anne Hyde, and it was a loveless marriage. James took advantage of Anne's death to marry a Roman Catholic noble, Mary of Modena, in 1673.

### Question 3

4 Sarah Churchill

Anne became close to Sarah Churchill, who later became Baroness, Countess and Duchess of Marlborough, respectively. They were so close that they used pet names for each other - Anne was "Mrs Morley" and Sarah was "Mrs Freeman". However, Sarah soon became too domineering for Anne as Queen, and in 1710 their friendship ended, and Sarah lost all her court offices.

### Question 4.

3 Prince George of Denmark

Anne married George of Denmark as a result of secret negotiations between her uncle, King Charles II, and King Christian V of Denmark. George was not known for his intelligence - Charles II said of him: "I have tried him when he's drunk; I've tried him when he's sober, and there's nothing in him!" However, they were devoted to one another until his death in 1708.

Question 5.

3 William of Orange

After the Glorious Revolution (so-called because no blood was shed), James II, a devout Catholic, was deposed for his religion. Mary, as the eldest daughter, was invited to take his place; but William, Mary's husband, refused to be considered "number two". Mary therefore insisted that, if she was going to be queen, William must be King for life, even if Mary predeceased him.

They became joint monarchs as "William [III] and Mary [II]".

Question 6.

2 False

Relations between Anne and Mary were always strained, and became worse when Anne refused to comply with Mary's command that she should dismiss Sarah Churchill from her offices and expel her from her household. As a result, Mary expelled Anne from court, and she was forced to lease a private home.

After Mary's death in 1694, there was only a feigned reconciliation between William and Anne.

Question 7.

1 Tory

Anne favoured this party at the beginning of her reign, but favoured moderation from 1704.

Question 8.

3 The Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Godolphin

John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, won every major battle in Europe during his time as General of the Army, keeping Britain a leading power in Europe. The Earl of Godolphin used his skills as Lord of the Treasury to finance Marlborough's excursions and square it with the Queen and Parliament.

Question 9.

3 Abigail Masham, Baroness Masham

Anne dismissed the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough from all their offices in 1711. Anne was tired of Sarah's dominance and absenteeism, preferring the gentle but conniving Abigail Masham. Masham used her influence to endear the Queen to her cousin, Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, who won the Queen's favour.

Question 10.

2 Duke of Shrewsbury

Harley had unwisely tried to control the Queen, and the queen quickly came to distrust him. The other ministers, fearing that Harley could return under the regency act, persuaded the queen to appoint the Duke of Shrewsbury in his place. The Queen agreed, and presented the staff of office personally on her deathbed.