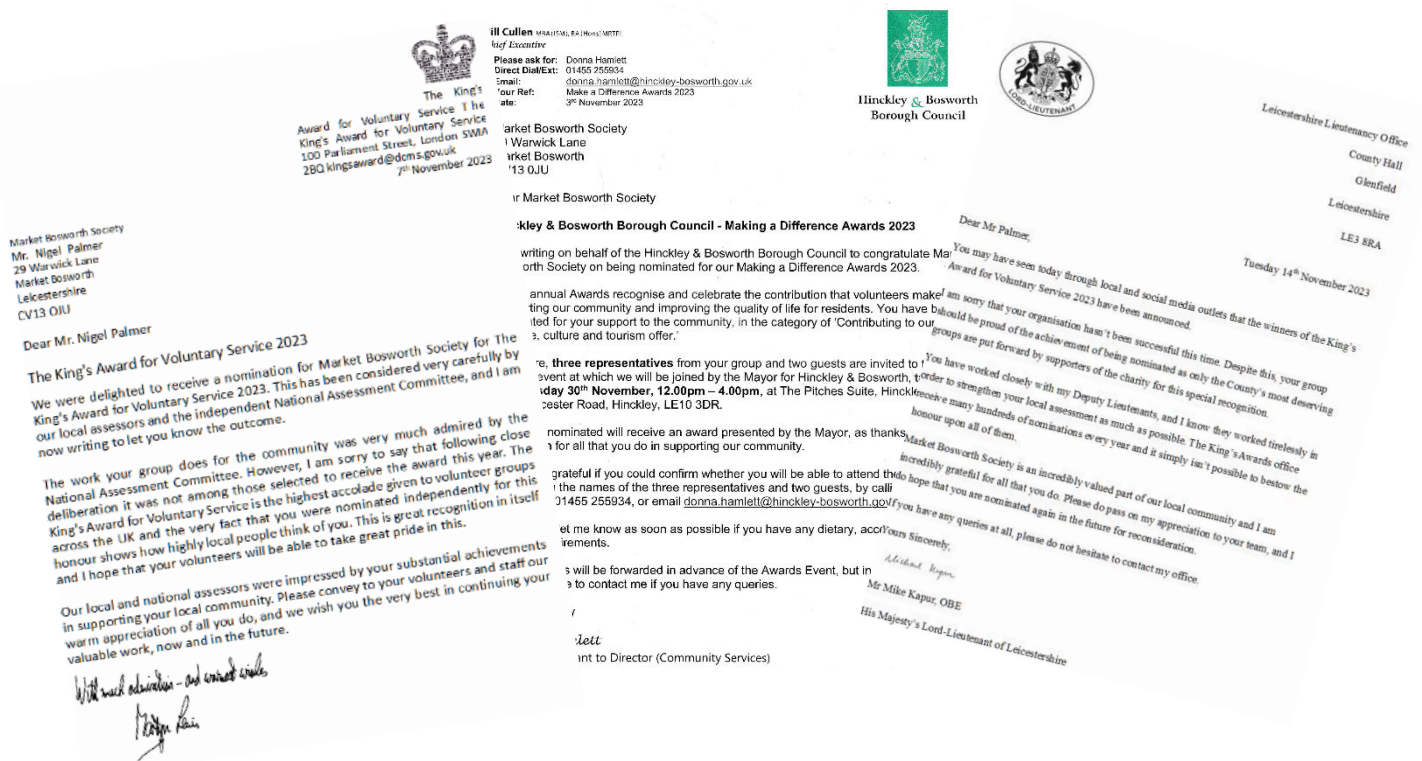




November 2023

Kings Award for Voluntary Service

Each year, outstanding examples of this work are celebrated through the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAWS). Created in 2002 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee and previously known as The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the Award has been shining a light on the fantastic work of voluntary groups from all across the UK for many years. Equivalent to an MBE, KAWS is the highest Award given to local voluntary groups in the UK, and they are awarded for life. This year Market Bosworth was represented by three groups. The Market Bosworth Society, The Community Library and Bosworth in Bloom. The process is quite lengthy and I was interviewed by two of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants of Leicestershire, one of which was Lars Tharp from BBC Antique Roadshow. The interview ranged over two and a half hours and when they had left there was no information about the Society left unturned. The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire then submitted the applications to the King's Selection Committee chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE for final approval.



To be nominated in such august company as the Community Library and Bosworth in Bloom clearly places the Society in the premier league of community groups in Market Bosworth. Regrettably we made the shortlist but no further. But I am delighted to be able to tell you (as if you don't already know) that the Community Library and Bosworth in Bloom were successful. What wonderful news for Market Bosworth. The Society was also nominated for a Making a Difference Award which is run by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. I can tell you that your Committee have been invited to an event on the 30th November where the Market Bosworth Society will be formally recognised, in its 50th year, for making a difference. More next month together with photographs of another local Society member and stalwart of the community who will also be receiving an award. Congratulations to the Community Library and Bosworth in Bloom, two of only 262 groups accorded the honour in this King Charles III inaugural year. Well done!

Meeting Report: The History and Development of Decorative Ceramic Tiles. Jo Connell.

We enjoyed a lovely evening with Jo recently. Jo is a renowned local ceramic artist and last time she visited we enjoyed it so much we just had to invite her to return. This time her subject was Ceramic Tiles. Jo began

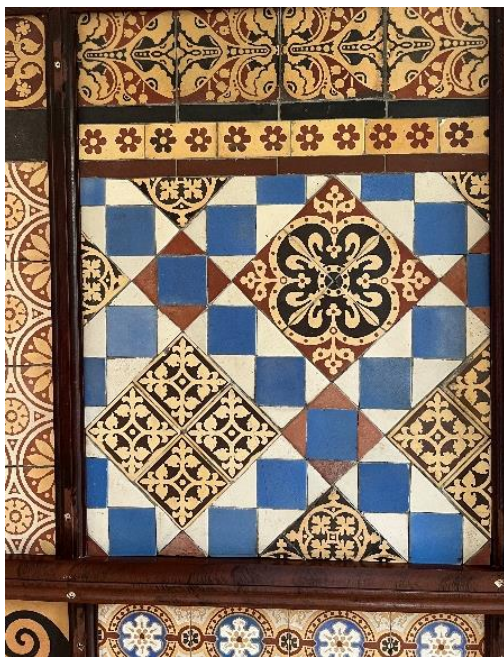


by explaining some of the earliest examples of ceramic tiles. They were set into walls by the Romans to allow the movement of hot air from an underground hypocaust (an ancient Roman heating system, comprising a hollow space under the floor of a building, into which hot air was directed) to flow through the walls. This would heat the walls and subsequently the room. The origins of the art lay in the applying of decorations to clay slabs using a wooden roller. The

purpose was not decorative as could be thought but to enable mortar to adhere with more strength. An example is shown left, of an early flue which has decorative tiles on the outside.

Ceramic tiles continued to be popular in the Medieval times with encaustic floor tiles in use (the term encaustic means “to heat or burn in” from an ancient Greek word. Encaustic materials are produced through a process which involves heating to seal in the dyes and clays. Traditional encaustic tiles are made using clay and powdered glazes, and are fired in a coal or wood-fired kiln). Locally examples can be seen in Dale Abbey, Derbyshire.

The patterns of tiles are known as motifs. Common motifs were heraldic – coats of arms, fleur de lis, bells, buildings such as castles, candlesticks, flora and fauna, including mythological images, flowers, fruit, geometrical patterns, hunting scenes, text, keys and also motifs which were religious or magical. Plenty for the medieval artisan to choose from.



Jo showed to us the ways that tiles can be patterned, by the use of a wooden block or by relief moulding (where the pattern is higher than the background) and also graffito (this is where the tile is made up of several thin but differently coloured layers and then the surface is scratched to reveal the colours below). Once again there are some local examples in Polesworth Abbey where you will also find some later Victorian examples. The Victorian period became the heyday of tile production in Britain – encaustic tile making became industrialised and very slick. Craven Dunnill became leaders in this field and exist today in Jackfield near Ironbridge. Restoration work for Westminster is ongoing at their factory. The example (shown left) is of encaustic or ‘to burn in’ tiles manufactured by Minton another large producer, where manufacture commenced in 1835.

We enjoyed a video of Michael Portillo learning how to make tiles at Craven Dunnill in Jackfield. You can also watch it here:

[Encaustic Victorian Tile Manufacturing - YouTube](#). Don’t forget that if you do not have access to the internet the Market Bosworth Community Library does. Please ask them to show you how to view this video.

Jo went on to show us many different styles and colours of tiles together with some different uses. Some of which were absolutely beautiful and showed up really well in her PowerPoint presentation.

We were then treated to a trip around the world where we saw examples of tiles from every continent, and



were able to appreciate their beauty, vibrant colours and fascinating motifs. One such was Sao Benito Railway Station, Oporto, Portugal, shown left. The station was built in 1896 and has the benefit of 22,000 tiles. Tiling began in 1903 by artist Jorge Colaco, 26 February 1868 - 23 August 1942. It took him over 11 years to complete the work. During the Victorian era, considered the heyday of decorative tiles in England, a new method was introduced known as Tubelining and Pouring. We were treated to another video which explained Tubelining and Pouring better than I ever could. [Tube Lining Victorian Wall Tile - YouTube](#).

Jo walked us through many of the exponents of tile making and we enjoyed the differing designs and colours on show.

There is an excellent example of the tile makers art at the Crich Tramway Museum. Jo shared with us many different and clever tiles, somewhere an image crosses several tiles and then comes together once installed on a wall. I wonder if they ever got the pieces mixed up.

Jo ended with a demonstration of tile making which was shown via a camera link to the appreciative audience. As usual there followed an enthusiastic question and answer session before giving Jo a rousing well deserved round of applause. We will be inviting Jo back in the future. My grateful thanks also to John who helped to harness the technology of Jo's iPad to the projector and for sound. It was a great evening, with some good examples of places to visit next year.

January 18th, 2024 – Those TV Times – Robert Leake. The Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth. Lecture will commence at 7:30 pm.

How better to start the new year by welcoming back our Vice Chairman, Robert Leake? Robert royally entertained us with his "Those Radio Times" back in September 2022. We have been waiting for him to return for three long years. Robert's lecture is bound to warm the cockles of your heart as you enjoy long remembered Television favourites. We expect to be very busy that evening, Robert's lectures are always popular and so an early arrival is recommended. Members of the Market Bosworth Society are admitted free, Guests welcome, subject to space available. We ask for a small donation, £3.00 to help towards the costs of the evening.



Can You Help? Letter from Emma Hubbard to her cousin, Arthur Phelps.

I was sent this by Marion Lambourne your Honourable Treasurer. Marion was interested in the mention of a Bosworth Gang and wondered if there was any information in the Archive. Not that we could find but I bet one of our members will know something! Its an interesting read anyway but if you can help, info@marketbosworthsociety.com.

Transcribed from a scan of the original in July 2012 by Penelope Forrest, born Phelps, great granddaughter of Arthur.

Market Bosworth

Feb^y 18th [1856]

My dearest Arthur,

Don't you like the look of the old address at the top? & don't I like being able to put it there again, that's as I am so happy here, (I don't mean that it is the only place that makes me so - but that it does its share) so much happier than I can tell you, with every chance of becoming unbearably spoilt & selfish. We shall have been at home a month tomorrow. We went to Paris for a week which was rather a spirited proceeding, we consider, as we had so short a time, & enjoyed ourselves thoroughly: leaving all responsibilities & respectabilities behind us, & living just as it happened - spending the whole day walking about, eating when

we were hungry & drinking when we were thirsty at the nearest Restaurant or Café - sometimes ordering our dinner with the utmost calmness from the carte without having the faintest notion of what would appear - from minced mouse to stewed rhinoceros - & at other times throwing ourselves humbly on the compassion of the waiters. We went & returned via Newhaven & Dieppe - after weighing our purses against our interiors, though I cannot say that it was the heaviness of the former that caused them to win.

What a hard life a doctor's is! I did not half know how hard till I came here. You are very right in your opinion that I was meant to be married - at least so John thinks - but I did not think I should be for all that. Can you fancy me here at all? Ordering dinner, receiving callers, writing pretty notes, cutting out shirt collars, carpentry & locksmithing, arranging furniture &c &c &c? If you can it is very clever of you. John has no notion of being vexed or impatient, whatever I do - or leave undone - so I hope I may in time become a very tolerable wife. I wish you could see what a pretty drawing room we have 22 yd by 19. It is over the dining room, which I dare say you remember, with a much more extended view over just the quiet cow-feeding home scenery I love. Inside it is paneled (*sic*) pink with white mouldings, dark green curtains, furniture walnut with dark green Utrecht velvet & a green & grey carpet. I don't know such a harmonious pretty room anywhere. The piano - a Broadwood's square in light mahogany - is the only discordant piece of colour & it is so sweet-toned one would forgive it for any inharmony of exterior. Then there are all sorts of pretty things about the room & almost everything you see is a gift from someone or other. I would give a great deal to have you in it dear old boy at this present. When I have done writing to you, May & I are going to put up another gift which came on Sat^y from Lord Howe, an oval mirror, with a small, patterned frame & green enamel about it. Won't it look pretty on the pale pink walls? It came, with a great easy chair from Lady Howe. She had called here a week before, & I have no doubt looked out for what we had not got. Their daughter, Lady Emily Curzon, is just married to a Co Kingscote.

The Copes are all well. It is so pleasant to be able to walk over to Osbaston again. I never felt a bit at home at Kensington. Here, I do thoroughly. My only fear is that we are too happy - that it is out of the conditions of human life to go on so. Well, it is very silly to look forward, & we are very thankful for the present.

The peace of Bosworth has been a little disturbed by some cheese stealing at M^r Bucknill's & the discovery that one of the most despicable gangs of burglars at Birmingham, numbering some 12 or 14, is called "the Bosworth Gang" & came almost exclusively from here. So they know their way about here pretty well. We have nothing to steal so don't disturb ourselves, but I should be glad if some of them were caught, I confess.

Bassy is at last settled I hope for some time to come, & in a line which does allow some exercise, though of a rather cramped description, to his artistic powers. M^r Oliphant, the gentleman who has the order for the painted window to Papa's memory (windows I should say - for besides the S.E. one, all the clerestory windows are to be partially stained) came to dine with us one day & was so struck with B & his drawings that he asked him to come to him - & I think he has been working there for 5 weeks. I had a letter of 8 pages from him the other day - a happier & more lighthearted letter than I have had from him for a very long time. I do hope he may be able to marry "Bess" this year. She is really a very particularly nice Bess & suits him admirably usually.

You did not tell me you had taken to smoking. I am very glad it is put a stop to again. B & M^r Oliphant smoke much more than they ought. M^{rs} O is the authoress of Zaidu, The Quiet Heart, Katie Stewart, Mrs Margaret Maitland & a good many other very pretty books. I think I like the Fagans. He is rather a "tyrannious tyke" as an old Scotch poet has it, but he is an earnest zealous man & an Irishman which makes one excuse much.

I have been in a continual state of expectation since we left Paris of having our photographs come after us but they have not appeared yet & we feel rather anxious about them as we - or rather I - unwarily paid for them. The man, Meyer, has a brother in London, whom Mamma is worrying about them, as they were to be transmitted to him. I fancy I am looking considerably better now than I did then. I shall be so glad to see yours dear Stump when your moustache is to your own satisfaction. John's hair is not at all like the Phelps Aunt's & is, I am sorry to say, turning grey. It is dark chestnut & in crisp waves almost angular - unlike any others I know. One of the very best things I ever saw was John in a barber's shop at Dieppe whither he went on landing on the Saturday to be shaved. That operation being successfully performed, the barber attacked his hair, & brushed away at it lustily, the hair starting almost straight up after each stroke of the brush, till the little barber was fairly beaten. Then followed an impressive little pantomime - the barber standing in an attitude of deep thought for a moment looking at the hair, then, as if a brilliant idea had insinuated itself underneath his sleek head of hair, rushing to a shelf and producing a great pot of pomatum & sticking his fingers in ready to begin. Then came John's turn, who started up with the utmost horror & gestures of denial

& went to the basin & made it all right with a liberal application of cold water, to the astonishment of the man & the intense amusement of a girl of about 14 behind. - Such a pretty demure little maiden, nursing an Egyptian mummy of a swathed up babe. She tried to keep grave & decorous for a long time but she gave in at last. Mary came with me to stay a few weeks & settle me here & I hardly know what I should have done without her. I am almost quite unsettled about permanent servants but I am in hopes of having our nice old respectable Hannah come in June, as cook. I should be very glad indeed to have her for a mistress has not a quarter the power over the right conduct of a household that the head of the kitchen has.

Poor Tom Oldacres died suddenly a few months ago. He had been going on very well lately near Nuneaton I believe. Beckwith is M^r H's ex-partner & does not practise. The other doctor here - by name David Pestall Thomas - has not much practice. M^r H has about as much as he can do, but it is a very laborious practice - it extends over so many miles & the proportion of paying patients is so small that it needs a man to be in the height of his health & energy to make it at all worth having.

Goodbye dear. Your loving sister Emma Hubbard

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How well do you know Edward I (not very in my case – I hope you can do better)

1. Many English monarchs have had nicknames. William I is known as William the Conqueror, John known as Lackland. Which of the following was Edward I NOT known as

- a) Edward the Black Prince
- b) Edward Longshanks
- c) Edward, the English Justinian
- d) Edward Hammer of the Scots

2. Who was Edward's first wife

- a) Eleanor of Provence
- b) Eleanor of Castile
- c) Eleanor of Aquitaine
- d) Eleanor of Brittany

3. After being a widower for nine years, Edward remarried. Who was his second wife

- a) Margaret, Duchess of Brabant
- b) Margaret of Anjou
- c) Margaret Tudor
- d) Margaret Capet, daughter of Philip III of France
- e)

4. Edward I, like most medieval kings, had several mistresses and more than ten illegitimate children.

True

False

5. How many children did Edward have

- a) 7
- b) 15
- c) 11
- d) 20
- e)

6. The Maundy ceremony, during which on Maundy Thursday money is distributed to the needy, was instituted by Edward I.

True

False

7. In an effort to reform the administration of justice, local dignitaries were appointed to assist. By what name were these officials known

- a) none of the above.
- b) Justices of the Peace
- c) Conservators of the Peace
- d) Lord Lieutenants

8. Where was Edward when he was advised that his father had died and he was King of England

- a) In London at his father's bedside
- b) In Gascony suppressing a barons' revolt
- c) On crusade
- d) Campaigning in Wales

9. In the struggle between Simon de Montfort and King Henry III, what was Edward's position

- a) He was too young to become involved.
- b) He always supported his father.
- c) He originally supported Simon but supported his father in the following conflict.
- d) He supported Simon until after the Battle of Lewes.

10. According to legend, after being subjugated by Edward I, the Welsh requested a prince who spoke neither English nor French; Edward presented his newborn son, Edward of Caernarvon. If this legend is correct, at the time of his presentation to the Welsh as their prince, Edward of Caernarvon was not the heir to the English throne since he was the younger surviving son of Edward I. Who was the heir

- a) Alfonso
- b) John
- c) Henry
- d) Edmund

11. William Wallace was one of the leaders of the Scots against Edward I. What became of Wallace

- a) He died in battle.
- b) He was executed as a traitor.
- c) He died of dysentery.
- d) He died in captivity.

12. The story of William Wallace was depicted in the Mel Gibson movie "Braveheart". In that movie, it suggested that Edward III was really the result of a sexual relationship between Edward I and his daughter-in-law Isabella of France. Is there any possibility of this being fact?

Yes

No

13. The cause of Edward's determination to conquer Wales, which resulted in the creation of his son as Prince of Wales, can be traced to the time of Edward I's coronation. When Wales's prince failed to attend to give fealty in Chester, Edward mounted a campaign against the Welsh. The result was the Treaty of Aberconwy in November 1277, which reduced the authority of the Welsh prince. Which prince led Wales at this time

- a) Owain Glendower
- b) Dafydd ap Gruffydd
- c) Llywelyn ap Gruffydd
- d) Owain Goch ap Gruffydd

14. In 1278, Edward enacted a law, possibly at the instigation of his mother. What was the impact of that law

- a) It expelled all Jews from the kingdom.

- b) It allowed Jews to be arrested on grounds of coin clipping.
- c) It permitted Jews to claim land for non-repayment of loans
- d) none of the above

15. Margaret, the Fair Maid of Norway, was the last direct descendant of Alexander III and was slated to marry Edward's heir. The death of the infant Margaret on her way from Norway to Scotland thwarted that plan and left Scotland with no direct heir. As a result, Edward was asked to choose between competing claims to the throne. How many claimants were there to the Scottish throne initially

- a) 8
- b) 13
- c) 2
- d) 10

16. In order to pacify Wales, Edward embarked upon a programme of building castles and other strongholds, which cost upwards of 80,000 pounds and employed a work force of 3500 persons.

True

False

17. Philip IV undertook a programme of harassment of Edward in his remaining French fief of Gascony. In 1295 Edward planned a campaign in order to regain Gascony, which had been confiscated by Philip. In order to raise money, what notable event occurred in England

- a) A programme of forced loans was undertaken.
- b) The most comprehensive Parliament to date was called.
- c) There was an expanded use of scutage.
- d) none of the above

18. What was the purpose of the "Hundred Rolls"

- a) none of the above
- b) It updated the Domesday Book.
- c) It revealed administrative abuses and defined royal rights.
- d) It was a census for taxation purposes.

19. Edward used Parliament to an extent heretofore unknown. What were the significant legislative statute(s) of his reign

- a) Three Statutes of Westminster
- b) all of these
- c) The Statutes of Gloucester and Quo Warranto
- d) Statute of Winchester

20. What was Edward's final request

- a) That his bones be boiled and carried in battle against the Scots.
- b) That his heart be carried to the Holy Land.
- c) That he be buried in Westminster
- d) That he be buried in Carlisle where he died.



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The Market Bosworth Society has kindly been given a table at the Fayre and we hope to see you there bagging a bargain and sorting out all your Christmas presents!

Community Resilience - Winter Weather

This popped up in my inbox and I thought members might be interested to read about Community Resilience as we are about to experience winter weather (as I write this we have just had our first good frost. Yes, I am a little behind so less chat more type, ahem).

Throughout the year, the Local Resilience Forum plan how we respond to emergency situations in order to assist the Emergency Services with their response. During an incident, the Emergency Services will prioritise situations where there are immediate threats to life. This means that although you may need some support, the assistance you receive may not be immediate.

There is a lot you can do to prepare for potential emergencies during the winter. The likelihood of a severe weather-related emergencies is obviously greater in the winter months. The following is a list of things you could do before any potential emergency.



- Check if you live in a flood risk area. This gives the risk of flooding from rivers and surface water due to heavy rain.
<https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>
- Signing up for flood warnings will keep you better informed of the risks in your area.
<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>
- Flood Wardens – Our Flood Wardens are a great asset to their communities as they are able to give advice and information and report any concerns. Do you have a Flood Warden in your area? Do you know how to get in touch with them? Are you interested in becoming a Flood Warden yourself? If you have any queries in relation to this, contact us via email communityengagement@leics.gov.uk
- The Met Office issue regular weather warnings. Sign up to this service to keep yourself informed. Consider downloading the Met Office app for ease of use.
<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings>
- Occasionally, residents do have to evacuate their homes if the impact is significant. You could plan in advance for what you might need to take with you if you do need to leave your home. This is the link to the LLR Prepared website to give you some ideas of what you may need:
<https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/prepared-residents/grab-bag/>

Continuing our series upon famous and influential old boys and girls of the Dixie Grammar School, I am delighted to bring you:

SGT. PILOT HERBERT E. BLACK RAFVR.



Herbert Ernest Black (shown left) was born on June 12th, 1914, at Measham and Gwen Cuthbert on August 8th that year at Ibstock. When Bert was a few weeks old he was taken to Ibstock, where his father had become landlord of the Waggon (sic) and Horses. His father was a rural district councillor and later became the village postmaster. Gwen spent her early life on High Street where her father owned a shop. Bert and Gwen went to the same village school, passed their grammar school scholarship together, were confirmed at the same ceremony at St Denys's Church, and one joined the Scouts, the other the Guides.

Bert cycled each day to the Dixie Grammar School at Market Bosworth, where he excelled, especially at sports, playing for the school's cricket team. Gwen attended Coalville Grammar School, again excelling. Bert and Gwen played in the same team which represented the county at mixed hockey. Bert studied to be a weights and measures inspector, based at Coalville, while Gwen qualified to be a teacher. The pair were inseparable and in love.

In 1939 Bert joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, receiving training on Tiger Moth aircraft at Desford. World War II started that year, and early in 1940 Sgt. Pilot Herbert Black was posted to 226 Squadron RAF stationed in France. When our forces withdrew from France, Bert returned to Desford, but not before flying over Caldecote Road School in Leicester where Gwen was teaching. At 7am on June 17th, 1940, Bert threw a pebble at Gwen's bedroom window to wake her. They dashed to Leicester to obtain a special licence, and were married that afternoon at St. Denys's Church in Ibstock. The happy couple spent the following four days of Bert's leave on honeymoon in Matlock.

In the summer of 1940, the RAF had 286 Spitfires and 463 Hurricanes to defend the United Kingdom. The Luftwaffe had nearly 3,000 aircraft at its disposal. Bert, by now a fighter pilot, was with 32 Squadron and then later 257 Squadron where his Flight Commander was Pete Brothers, later Air Commodore Peter Brothers CBE, DSO DFC and Bar. In October Bert was seconded into 46 Squadron. He transferred to allow two Polish pilots, who were close friends, to remain together.



On October 29th, at around noon, four Hurricane squadrons (pictured left is a Hawker Hurricane similar to one flown by Herbert Black) attacked a Luftwaffe force over Deal in Kent at 22,000 feet. Bert and his fellow pilots attacked the bombers so exposing themselves to the covering German fighters, Messerschmidt BF 109s. The German bombers suffered heavy losses and fled for home but not before Bert was intercepted and badly strafed a BF 109. (Continuously machine-gunned by an enemy from the air.) Most of Bert's leg had been gored and the cockpit was a mass of

flames. From over 20,000 feet the blazing Hurricane spiralled into a death dive. Eventually Bert freed the jammed hood and baled out, happy to see his parachute open. Although in terrible pain he was aware of two Hurricanes covering his descent to prevent enemy aircraft from machine gunning him.

Gwen raced to Ashford Hospital in Kent to find her husband with severe burns and serious injuries.

On November 9th, 1940, on the tenth midnight of Gwen's vigil, and during the 55th air raid since she had been there, Bert died. He is buried in the graveyard at St. Denys's Church. They were married for just five months.

On the evening of November the 16th, 1951, at a meeting of The Old Bosworthian's Association, a plaque listing the names of former Dixie Grammar School pupils who were killed in the second World War was unveiled and dedicated by Canon Payne, the Rector of Market Bosworth. Amongst those names was H. E. Black. Displayed on the wall of the corridor leading to the main hall in the School (shown left are Herbert's hard won medals) it was passed by hundreds of pupils every day. I was one of them. But we took no notice of this plaque whatsoever! Bert's name was there in full view but it did not register with any of us.



Then in 2007, fifty six years later, The Dixie Grammar School Association received an E-mail from the Headmaster's office

asking if we knew anything about a former pupil, Herbert Black. No! No-one had any knowledge of him as a former pupil. It was suggested that we might do some research into the life of Herbert Black as the Battle of Britain Historical Society would like to dedicate a special plaque to his memory. It was only then that the tragic story of Herbert's life came to light. When the facts were known the decision was taken. Of course the School would be honoured to allow the B.B.H.S. to install a special plaque as part of their plan to place such plaques in the last school attended by every Battle of Britain pilot.

The School was delighted to host a commemorative assembly for the unveiling of the plaque on Wednesday October 15th, 2008. A full school assembly and commemorative service was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Lady Gretton, members of Sgt Black's family, the Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and representatives from the RAF, the Royal British Legion and the Dixie Grammar School Association. Following a short presentation about the life of Sgt. Pilot Black, the commemorative plaque was unveiled by his niece Mrs Elaine Hall.

D.G.S.A. member Graham Rawlings then set about finding Herbert's grave. We now knew that he was buried at St. Denys' in Ibstock but whereabouts? After hours of searching it was finally located, overgrown and full of weeds. Over the next few weeks it was cleared and fresh gravel laid. It was now ready for the first of what has become an annual laying of a Royal British Legion poppy wreath by students from the Dixie Grammar School and members of the D.G.S.A. A simple service of remembrance usually attended by the Headmaster,



a few members of Staff and a small group of History students. Shown left are the students laying a wreath, with Walter Baynes, Archivist of the Dixie Grammar School Association <http://www.thedgsa.co.uk/>. Walter is the one with the beard.

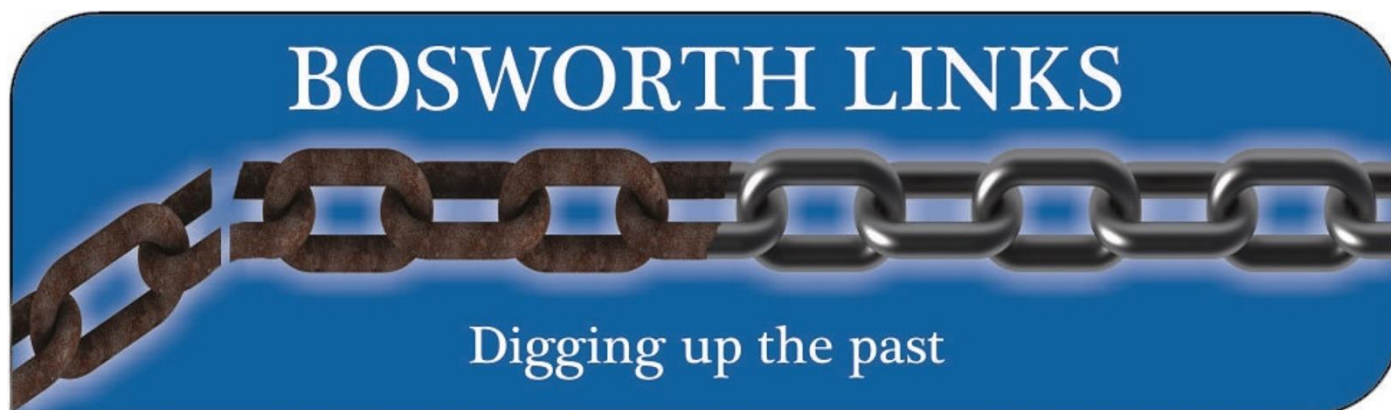
In 2019 attention was drawn to the Leicestershire County Council's Green Plaque Scheme and the decision was taken that the School should nominate Herbert for this prestigious award, which differs from others in that it is made following a vote of the general public. The nomination proved successful and Herbert was awarded a Green Plaque and so it is the people of Leicestershire and beyond who have seen fit to recognise this former pupil's sacrifice in this

way.

The plaque, which is attached to the wall of The Waggon (sic) and Horses, Herbert's former home, was unveiled at a special ceremony on October 13th, 2022, by Dr. Kevin Feltham, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council. Here is a [link to the GB News report on YouTube](#).

I would like to acknowledge the help given by Michael Kendrick, Graham Rawlings, Mrs. Marion Lambourne and Mrs Jo F. Parkes in the preparation of this article. Walter Baynes.

Thank you Walter for a most interesting and moving article.



Oh boy is it getting exciting! Having completed digs in Carlton, Coton and Cadeby we next move to Shenton. We were not sure if we would be able to dig in Shenton as Much of the village is still owned by the Wollaston family (it was William Wollaston who started the building of Shenton Hall in 1629, the same year he was appointed as Sheriff of Leicestershire). William had bought the land in 1626 and the land has been held by the Wollaston family for almost 400 years rivalling the Harcourts who owned Market Bosworth for over 400 years. We wrote to Mr & Mrs Wollaston outlining who we where and what we wanted to do and received a warm and positive reply from Mr Charles Wollaston who gave his blessing for us to approach his tenants. We will be visiting Shenton in the early part of the new Year to recruit pit hosts and volunteers. If you live in Shenton and would like to host a test pit please get in touch. You can take part or simply observe, its up to you.

In his letter Mr Wollaston passed on the contact details of Robert Thompson, a hugely experienced metal detectorist. You will recall that he featured in the October issue of the Newsletter and I will be making contact with him. I have actually met Robert before, this is from the December 2022 Newsletter:

On one of my many walks along the Gated Road with my dogs I encountered Adam Tarver the owner of the verges each side of the lane and also the barn and two fields associated with it. Adam was doing some fencing and ditching opposite the barn. Whilst there he introduced me to Rob Thompson a local contractor who was using one of his machines to assist with the ditching work.

Rob explained that he was a long-standing metal detectorist and had made two discoveries very recently. Naturally, Rob did not tell me the location of his finds, which he thinks may be an unrecorded Bronze Age burial site, but he did show me his finds.



Above is a Neolithic axe head. Rob had sent images to an expert at the Portable Equities Unit, and they had confirmed his assessment that the item was indeed an axe-head some 4000 or 5000 years old. Puzzled I asked how he had detected stone with his metal detector. Rob explained that it was sticking up out of the ground and he simply spotted it. What a great find and so lucky that the finder knew that it was not a simple piece of stone turned up by a plough or similar. What a coincidence and how fortunate to have such a local expert on our doorstep. The Shenton dig (providing we can recruit sufficient pit hosts) will take place on the 20th and 21st of April 2024. Make sure you have it in your diary so as not to be disappointed!

Come on, let's go time travelling!

National Grid Community Matters Fund.

My attention has been drawn to the above named fund and I know that many of the members of the Market Bosworth Society are also members of other societies and clubs. I thought I would share the information with you and ask that you share it with anyone you know who may be able to take advantage of a grant. For all the information please go to <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/community-matters-fund>

Grants are available for charities, councils and grassroots organisations to help tackle fuel poverty in communities in the Midlands, Southwest England and South Wales where National Grid distributes electricity.

The funding aims to support economically disadvantaged areas and to target grassroots organisations that serve historically underrepresented and marginalised groups. There is particular interest in projects which achieve a long-term impact by helping beneficiaries save money on their household energy bills on an ongoing, sustainable basis.

There are two funding levels:

- Grants of up to £10,000 for registered charities or non-profit companies limited by guarantee
- Grants of up to £2,000 for constituted charitable organisations with no charity number

Who Can Apply

The following types of organisations may apply:

- Registered charities
- Non-profit companies limited by guarantee
- Constituted charitable organisations with no charity number
- Statutory bodies such as Local Authorities and councils

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is intended to support project costs for projects starting the week of 11th December 2023 and completed by 31st March 2024.

The funding is for projects that meet one of the following themes:

- Helping individuals to access energy tariff advice or support accessing schemes, including, but not limited to, winter fuel discounts and Social Fund schemes
- Providing energy efficiency or heating solutions to people living in fuel poverty
- Operating a 'Warm Bank' in a community building
- Improving energy efficiency in a community building used as a warm space
- Providing warm packs to vulnerable households e.g. radiator bleed keys, heavy curtains, blankets, radiator foil etc

- Innovative approach to combating fuel poverty

That Word “Caput”

If, like me you are interested in Etymology, not to be confused with entomology, which could cause quite a lot of confusion you may be interested in this from Walter Baynes.

W. F. Gosling

A brief survey of the indebtedness of the modern languages of Europe, and in particular our own, to the Latin word caput may be not without interest.

The French did not adopt the classical meaning of caput, but, by way of the slang of the Roman soldiers in all probability, preferred the Latin testa = a tile, French tête. But caput did enter Gaul as the early French chief and modern chef (e.g. chef d'orchestre, chef de cuisine, whence, by the way, the English 'chef'). English borrowed this word from French under the guise of chief, and from the early French word chevetaine formed the English chieftain. But in one word the French did adopt the classical meaning of caput, and that was in the word couvre-chef (modelled presumably upon the Vulgar Latin capitegium), meaning a covering for the head. This was adopted in Middle English as curchief (kerchief) and signified originally a cloth to cover a woman's head. It was an easy step from this to the modern 'handkerchief'. Further, Vulgar Latin had a phrase ad caput venire, 'to come to an end', 'to accomplish'. This was taken over into early French as a chief venir: later the verb venir was lost and the phrase a chief was made into the verb achever. Our English word achieve was the inevitable offspring.

Now who but WFG could have worked that out?

Best regards,
Walter.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Christmas and New Year arrangements

THE following opening times during the Christmas and New Year period have been announced by the Borough Council, together with the arrangements that have been made for various council services:

Council office closing times

Borough Council services at the Hinckley Hub will close at 4.30pm on Friday 22 December and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

In an emergency call Tel. 01455 251137.

Refuse & recycling arrangements

Alternate arrangements for refuse (black bin) and recycling (blue-lid bin) collections due on Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December 2022 and Monday 1 January 2023 are as follows:

- Refuse due on Monday 25 December will be collected on Friday 22 December
- Recycling (blue-lid) due on Monday 25 December will be collected on Thursday 21 December
- Refuse due on Tuesday 26 December will be collected on Wednesday 27 December
- Recycling (blue-lid) due on Tuesday 26 December will be collected on Thursday 28 December

- Refuse due on Monday 1 January will be collected on Friday 29 December
- Recycling (blue-lid) due on Monday 1 January will be collected on Tuesday 2 January

For residents living in rural west areas of the borough who usually have garden and refuse bins collected on the same day, collection arrangements are as follows:

- Refuse due on Monday 25 December will be collected on Friday 22 December
- Refuse due on Tuesday 26 December will be collected on Wednesday 27 December
- Recycling (blue-lid) due on Monday 1 January will be collected on Tuesday 2 January.

All other refuse and recycling collections will continue on their usual days during the Christmas and New Year period.

The garden waste (brown bin) collection service will be suspended for two weeks during the Christmas and New Year period (last collection Tuesday 19 December and collections starting again Wednesday 3 January). There will be no collections of large (bulky waste) items between Monday 18 December and Monday 1 January with collections recommencing from Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Residents can find full details of collection dates on-line at www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/collections

Free Parking on Saturdays in Hinckley

CHRISTMAS shoppers in Hinckley will once again be able to enjoy free car parking in selected town centre car parks on Saturdays this festive season. Shoppers can park for free from 9am in the Lower Bond Street, Trinity West and Castle car parks on Saturday 2, 9, 16 and 23 December as well as North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College car park (LE10 1QQ).

The Borough Council has agreed to repeat the popular offer again this year in order to thank shoppers for their loyalty and to increase trade for shops and businesses. Shoppers are reminded that parking is free in all council run car parks on Sundays throughout the year.

Hinckley Market at Christmas

There will be markets in Hinckley on Friday 22 December and Saturday 23 December, plus Friday 29 and Saturday 30th December. No markets due to bank holiday on Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January. Markets will return to the usual Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from Friday 5 January onwards.

Carols around the tree

Wrap up warm and enjoy singing well known carols around the tree on Friday 8 December, 4.15pm – 5.00pm in partnership with Churches Together, Hinckley town centre.

Hinckley Christmas lights tour

The annual Hinckley's Christmas lights tour for elderly and disabled people will be held on Wednesday 6 December. Castle Street will be open to traffic from 6pm to 8pm to allow the public to drive down with their elderly or disabled family and friends, allowing them to view the lights. There will be festive music and street entertainment along the route.

Festive Feast and Craft Market

A Sunday food and craft market offering a selection of hot and cold food plus crafts, collectibles and gifts will be in Marketplace, Hinckley on Sunday 10 December from 10am until 4pm.

There will be 45+ stallholders including street foods, warming mulled wine and cider, crafts, gifts, collectibles and more plus live music, Santa on Stilts and entertainment from Fosse 107.

Hinckley BID's Santa's Grotto

The Borough Council and Hinckley BID Santa's Grotto will be held on Saturday 16, Sunday 17 and Monday 18 December from 10am to 4pm in the Britannia Centre. Entry is £3 per child. Each child will receive a small gift. On the Sunday a 'quiet hour' for children with additional needs will be available (subject to availability). To request a booking in the 'quiet hour' or for more information email info@hinckleybid.co.uk or Tel. 01455 698494.

Festive Fun Run

A free festive fun run hosted by Hinckley BID and the Borough Council will be held on Sunday 3 December in Hinckley Town Centre. The run, which is just under a mile long, starts with a warmup from our resident 'Healthy Elf' from 10.45am in Marketplace, Hinckley. Participants are invited to dress up as Santa, or 'anything Christmassy' or just wear their Christmas jumpers. There will be neck medals for everyone sporting festive dress. Two £50 Town centre voucher prizes (one for the best dressed individual and another for the best dressed family group) will be awarded and a £25 voucher will be presented to each of two Runners-up. Well-behaved dogs (on leads) in festive fancy dress are also welcome to join and the best dressed dog will receive a special dog treat. The route is suitable for all abilities including wheelchairs and pushchairs - walking, toddling or ambling is encouraged for any non-runners. There will also be a sweet stop at the end of the run for all children taking part. Entry is free and parking is free in all council town centre car parks on Sundays (Not NCP which charges). To pre-register, Tel. 01455 698 494 or email info@hinckleybid.co.uk

Hinckley Leisure Centre

Hinckley Leisure Centre will close at 12 noon on 24 December and remain closed on 25 and 26 December. The centre's opening hours from 27 December to 30 December will be 8.00am to 3.00pm. The centre will close at 12 noon on 31 December and remain closed on 1 January 2024. The centre will revert to normal opening hours from Tuesday 2 January. For further information including the swim and class timetable see the leisure centre's website: www.placesleisure.org/centres/hinckley-leisure-centre

The Community Houses

Barwell, Earl Shilton and Wykin Community Houses close on 2.30pm Friday 15 December and re-open Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Coincidences

For someone who does not believe in coincidences, sometimes I find it is difficult if not impossible not to. There is Robert Thompson, who I bumped into last year and more recently included an article about his finds. Walter's article upon WTF about testa or tiles and our meeting report and now this.



You may be aware that there is a planning application, currently being considered, to turn The Forge (13 Park Street) into a two bedroomed dwelling. I have just written a response as the Market Bosworth are Consultees in matters of the Conservation Area. Today, I was helping at St. Peter's Parish Church (preparing for two new trees, a hedge and a reinternment of some bones believed to be (between AD 50 and AD 850) disturbed during the building of the extension to the Parish Hall in 1965. In between Harry Whitehead and I cut the turf from a couple of graves. They were of Ann, wife of John Wothers, and Samuel Wothers son of Richard and Sarah Wothers. The Wothers family were of course the original owners of The Forge from the late 18th Century to 1933. It's a small and sometimes unusual world.

Carlton Dates from the Carlton Newsletter - Dates for Your Diary

Progressive Whist Drive at The Community Hub, every Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm
Coffee Morning at The Gate Hangs Well, every Friday 11 am

December

2nd Sat 10-12 noon Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale, St. Andrew's Church
3rd Sun 10am Lessons & carols followed by coffee, St. Andrew's Church
10th Sun 6pm Christmas Lights Switch-on, St. Andrew's Church
24th Sun 5.30pm Christingle followed by mulled wine & mine pies,
St. Andrew's Church
25th Mon 9am Family Communion, St. Andrew's Church

January

10th Wed 7.30pm Carlton Parish Council, finance meeting, Community Hub

14th Sun 9am Communion, St. Andrew's Church

19th Fri Copy date for the February 2024 edition of Carlton News

28th Sun 9am Communion, St. Andrew's Church

February

13th Tues Village Pancake Party, St. Andrews Community Hub

How did you get on with Edward I? And now, how well do you know Edward II

1. How many sisters did Edward II have

- a) five
- b) three
- c) none
- d) two

2. What title did Edward II bestow on his friend Gaveston

- a) Earl of Cornwall
- b) Earl of Warwick
- c) Earl of Essex
- d) Earl of Devon

3. Edward I disliked Gaveston so much that he is reported to have made a personal physical attack on the Prince (later Edward II) in his anger. What form did this attack take

- a) He hit him round the head with the flat of his sword.
- b) He slapped him hard across the face.
- c) He pulled out handfuls of Edward's hair.
- d) He scratched his hand with a ring.

4. What were the names and titles of Edward II's two half-brothers? (They shared the same father but a different mother; one of the half-brothers was executed in 1330).Hint

- a) William, Earl of York and John, Earl of Surrey
- b) Roger, Earl of Essex and Henry, Earl of Suffolk
- c) William, Earl of Gloucester and Richard, Earl of March
- d) Thomas Earl of Norfolk, and Edmund, Earl of Kent

5. Edward II was succeeded by Edward III but, apart from this eldest son, what were the other children he had by his wife Isabella

- a) one son and two daughters
- b) just one other son and no daughters
- c) one son and three daughters
- d) no other sons and two daughters

6. Which of the following activities were strongly to Edward II's tastes

- a) boating and swimming
- b) taking part in tournaments and battles
- c) reading and going to church
- d) dalliance with ladies of the court

7. Which unusual country activities did Edward II like to take part in

- a) archery and hunting
- b) hedging and ditching
- c) cock-fighting and bear-baiting
- d) looking after pigs and chickens

8. At which castle in the north of England did Edward's favourite Gaveston fall into the hands of the rebel lords

- a) York
- b) Durham
- c) Middleham
- d) Scarborough

9. Which rich nobleman died at Bannockburn with the result that the three heiresses to his vast estates were married off to the King's favourites

- a) Earl of Gloucester
- b) Earl of Warwick
- c) Earl of Worcester
- d) Earl of Lincoln

10. The Earl of Lancaster (Edward's cousin) was the greatest landowner in the north of England and became the king's greatest opponent. What was his first name

- a) Richard
- b) William
- c) Thomas
- d) Henry

11. What happened at the Battle of Boroughbridge in 1322

- a) The Scots trapped and defeated the English.
- b) Despenser was defeated, captured and executed.
- c) Lancaster was defeated, captured and executed.
- d) The English trapped and defeated the Scots.

12. Which position did Robert Baldock hold under Edward II

- a) Archbishop of Canterbury
- b) Chancellor
- c) Steward of the Household
- d) Commander of the King's Army

13. Who or what was responsible for the overthrow of the Despenser rule of the country

- a) The northern magnates under Lancaster
- b) The leading churchmen under the Archbishop of Canterbury
- c) The Marcher Lords of the Welsh borders
- d) The faction led by Queen Isabella and Mortimer

14. In which part of Britain was Edward II when he was taken prisoner by Henry of Lancaster, the previous earl's brother

- a) Northern England
- b) Scotland
- c) Ireland
- d) Wales

15. What was the only condition that Edward II asked for when he agreed to resign the throne

- a) That he be allowed to live peacefully in a monastery.
- b) That his son should succeed him as Edward III
- c) That he be buried alongside his favourite Gaveston.
- d) That Mortimer should not be his son's guardian.

After that you may need a laugh, so for those making your own Christmas Crackers

The Genius of Steven Wright:

1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.

2 - Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.

3 - Half the people you know are below average.

4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

5 - 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

8 - If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.

9 - All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.

10 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

11 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met.

12 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?

13 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

14 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

- 15 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 18 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 19 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- 20 - If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21 - Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23 - My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24 - Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
- 25 - If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28 - The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- 29 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 32 - The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- 33 - Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- 34 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- 35 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work

Borrowed from the FB pages of WH pal, Laura Sebourn Terpening.

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Nigel Palmer

Chairman

Answers to King Edward I

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 4
- 4) False
- 5) 4
- 6) True
- 7) 3
- 8) 3
- 9) 3
- 10) 1
- 11) 2
- 12) no
- 13) 2
- 14) 2
- 15) 2
- 16) True
- 17) 2
- 18) 3
- 19) 2
- 20) 1



Answers To King Edward II

- 1) a
- 2) a
- 3) c

4) d

5) a

6) a

7) b

8) d

9) a

10) c

11) c

12) b

13) d

14) d

15) b

