

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

March 2024

## Meeting Report: Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Free Church. Initially there were 20 members in attendance which rose to 23 as some arrived late. The members heard reports from the Chairman and Treasurer. In the latter's report it was explained that the membership fee had not kept pace with the operational costs of the Society. Internet costs and guest speaker costs had risen and it was therefore necessary to look at increasing the fees, which were last increased six years ago in 2018. It was resolved to increase the fees to £14.00 for a single membership and £21 for a joint membership. This represents excellent value for Nine monthly lectures and two Summer visits. The members present voted unanimously to increase the fees.

Also tabled was a proposal to increase the Guest Donation (at meetings) to £5.00. The previous donation level had been set in 2012 twelve years ago. The new amount, slightly ahead of inflation was calculated to enable it to remain at that level for several years. The Committee discussed the matter carefully before making the proposal. Most guests offer £5.00 and refuse to accept change, commenting on the cheapness of the donation. It was also considered that a lesser amount would not help to defray the costs of an evening lecture. After the motion was passed a second motion was put to the members, that to add the word 'recommended' as "Guests will be asked to make a small donation to help defray the costs of the evening, recommended at £5.00". The committee were adamant that no one would be turned away if they did not wish to pay the full donation. The amendment was also passed by a majority of the members.

All the Officers and Committee Members had agreed to stand for re-election and they were elected en-bloc unanimously by the members present. Sadly, the vacancy for a Committee Member went unfilled. Should you be reading this and are interested in joining the Committee please get in touch and I will be happy to explain the role and the level of commitment required. We do need to attract new committee members. At the last AGM I said it would be my last and yet once again I am to continue as your Chairman. I hope to see the completion of Bosworth Links this year and that the Archive will be well on the way to complete digitalisation by next March. I really do intend to stand down next year. I will have served for nine years and think that I would like to retire and spend more time on my hobbies. The job is a wonderful one. I have met so many varied, interesting and lovely people I cannot recommend it enough. I am sure that our new chairman is waiting in the wings! I will still remain as a member and possible a committee member with fewer duties.

The next AGM will be in 2025 on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. This year Eddie Smallwood lifted our serious business mood with his lecture about Medieval Medicine and Herbs. Next year his lecture is entitled "It's your Funeral" which I am certain will again be entertaining and informative, perhaps fitting for my last AGM as chairman. Thank you to the members who were able to attend and support the Annual General Meeting.

Nigel Palmer Chairman

## Meeting Report Medieval Medicine – Herbs Eddy Smallwood



When I was running training course I always saw the first session after lunch as the most difficult, it was colloquially known as the graveyard shift. Following an Annual General Meeting is little different when the minds of those present needed to be turned from business, accounts, balances, proposals and voting to entertainment and information. There is none better than Eddy. Suitably attired as a medieval Doctor Eddy began by explaining about the balances in the body, known as the four humours. It was Greek physician Socrates somewhere around 400 BC who developed the theory of the four

humours, blood, yellow bile, black bile and phlegm. Eddie explained that Medieval doctors would use their powers of observation to start with and would examine the patient. They might also conduct a urine test. Eddie held up a small glass container of liquid to illustrate how this was done. After examining the colour, sniffing the odour Eddie drank the liquid, adding taste was one of the tests. This brought gasps and laughter from the audience in equal measure.

Eddie explained that once the examination was over then a remedy had to be found. If the patient was hot and sweating a cold and dry remedy would be used and vice versa. One of the remedies was from a snail and used to treat skin conditions. The frothy slime from a snail's foot is collected and used as an ointment. Lynne tested a sachet, (shown right). She reported that it felt soft on her skin. Should you wish to try it is commercially available from <https://www.naturerepublicuk.com/>. Eddie went on to tell us something about the other methods such as poultices and some of the techniques to repair battlefield injuries. Honey was used extensively as a disinfectant, base for medicines and as a balm to soothe damaged areas.



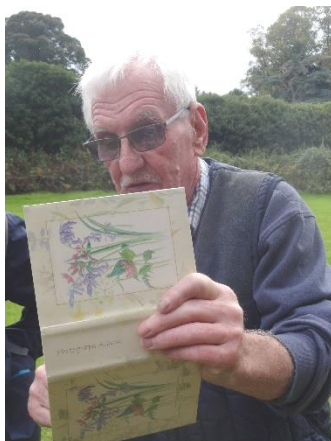
Turning to herbs (laid out on a table see left), Eddie explained the use of herbs in medieval medicine. We all know what naughty children call Dandelions but they were used as a diuretic, quite successfully it seems. Sena pods were known to medieval doctors and were used then as they are now. Witch Hazel was used for a variety of purposes, insect bites, sunburn, skin damage, haemorrhoids, acne, varicose veins, itching, scalp care, and even stretch marks. Eddie explained the uses of many herbs and flowers, including garlic, snowdrops, cloves (for toothache) Mandrake, Ladies Mantle (for bruises and a bad back) Rosemary (for circulation) Woodruff, Dill, Hemp, Fennel, Coriander, and many more.

We were shocked to learn that maggots are still used today. They are used to clean wounds and once the bandages are taken off the flies fly away and the wound is found to be clean and dry healing nicely. Also used today are leeches for bruises and wounds. Even toads have a place as the poison they exude in the correct dosage can have a beneficial effect, this was discovered after people were witnessed licking toads and then having a high. Eddie explained that sexism was rife in the Medieval period and whilst there were some female doctors it was dangerous to be a woman doctor at that time. In Market Harborough 14 women who practised herbalism were accused of witchcraft. They were all arrested, imprisoned and interrogated. After eleven were found guilty and put to death it was discovered that the accusations were false and the remaining three were allowed to go free. Whether they continued to practise as doctors was not recorded.

As usual I have not been able to include everything in this report. It was hugely entertaining and informative in equal measures and if you ever get an opportunity to attend one of Eddie's lectures I would encourage you to attend. Thank you Eddie for a great lecture!

## Bosworth Hall Walled Garden Walk

It was February 2023 when over 60 members of the Society enjoyed a talk about the history and activities of the walled garden at Bosworth Hall. This followed research over nearly three years by Ingrid Davison, Glynis



Oakley, Robert Leake and Rod Proudman (Rod is shown left).

There was such an interesting response to the talk that it was decided to organise a walk around the remains of the garden for those interested. You may wish to join one of these tours during the coming months. The first will be on Thursday afternoon May 2nd at 2:00pm, and the second will be on Thursday September 5th, meeting on the path by the water tower.

The walks will be with the research team led by Rod Proudman, the former Head Gardener who lived with his family in a bungalow within the garden itself.



Numbers will be limited for each walk but If you would like to join the first guided walk on May 2 please contact Robert Leake at [robert@robertleake.com](mailto:robert@robertleake.com) or 01455 290020 and leave a message. You will then meet up by 2:00pm on the afternoon outside entrance door to the water tower, on The Avenue towards the Wilderness.

## Martyn Andrews Retires from MBS

Martyn became a welcome member of the MBS Committee in 2016 soon after retirement.

From the outset, Martyn was involved with Bosworth Links where he would travel from dig to dig collecting



the finds from the test pits. Marion said that this was definitely a job needing two people and very much enjoyed the teamwork with Martyn. Bosworth Links was a project that Martyn really enjoyed being part of. When the Archive Room was set up, there were documents, maps, papers, photos and other items all needing a home. In 2019, Martyn created an Archive Room Index which is always in regular use as we need to know where everything is. Also, Martyn began to index the Dixie family archive but was unable to continue with this. Martyn's advice on planning applications has been invaluable and as such, he will still be involved with this.

At home, Martyn enjoyed watching the birds on the hanging feeding stations which were positioned on a tree. However, that was about to change because Sue and

Martyn were moving to a new home but without a tree. It was easy then to choose a leaving gift for Martyn so that he could continue and enjoy watching the birds.

I am sure we all wish Martyn the best for his future and look forward to seeing him at future meetings, enjoy your retirement Martyn!

## Thomas Simpson

Following last week's biography on Thomas Simpson, Walter Baynes suggested that a transcript may well be welcome in St. James Church, as not everyone can read Latin. Walter set about making transcript and I organised a frame. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February we were met by Robert Leake and Mary Burgess and officially handed over the transcript which has been placed just below the plaque.



Above left is Walter, Mary Burgess – church warden and Robert, with me swapping with Robert as photographer on the right. Do go along and see the transcript and enjoy the quiet surroundings of the churchyard, excellently maintained by another Burgess, Pamela. Lynne and I often walk to St. James and enjoy a picnic on one of the benches.

## Coming up! Lectures and Summer Visits to March 2025

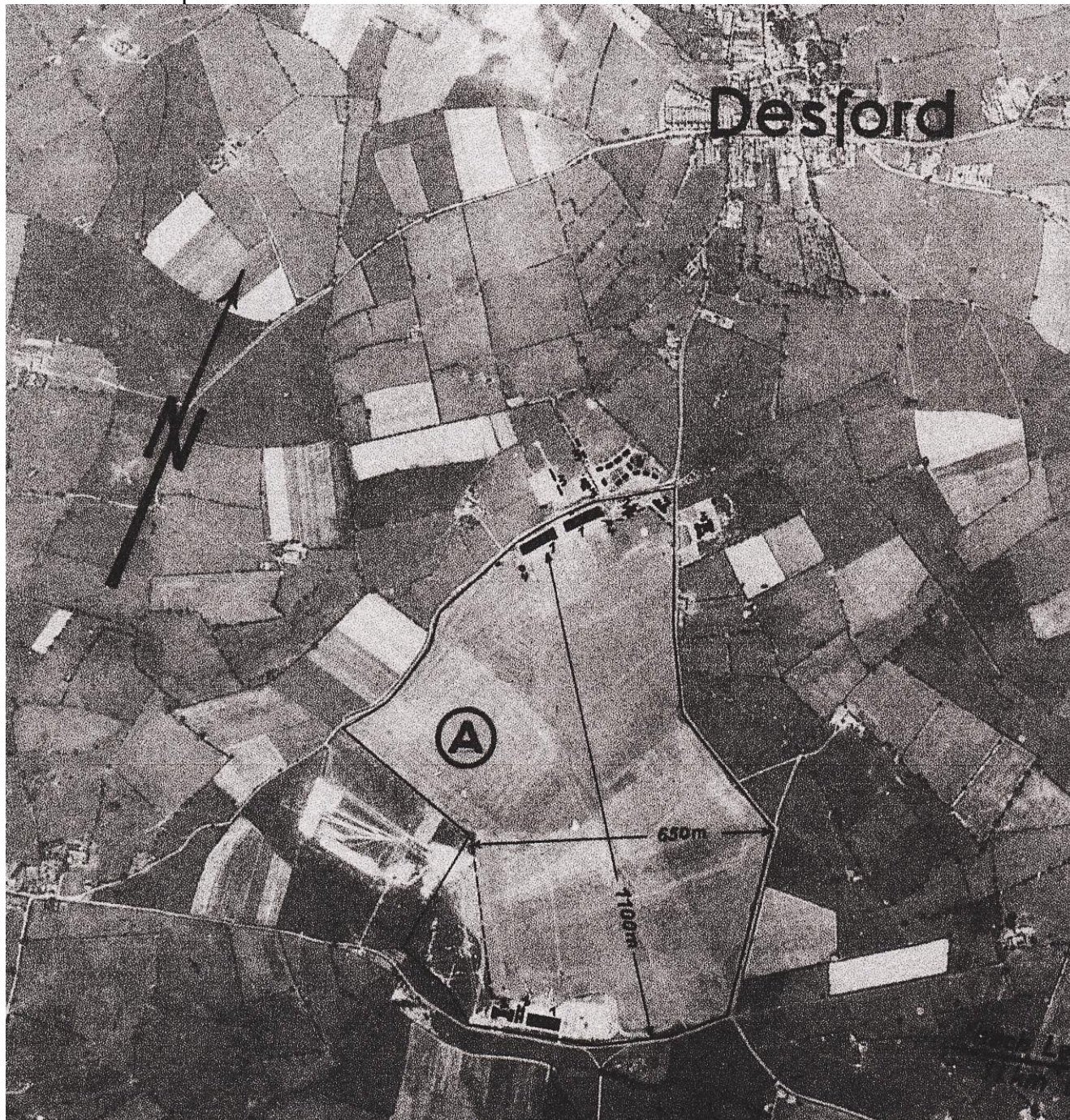
April 18th	"Forewarned is Forearmed – The Royal Observer Corps in Peace and War".	David Skillern
May 2nd	The Walled Garden at Bosworth Hall	Glynis/Ingrid/Robert
May 16th	Atherstone and Hatting	John Whitehead
June 20th	How I found Nelly (at Bosworth Hall)	Graham Hopkins
July 25th	Sharpes Pottery Museum & Magic Attic	Summer Visit
August 15th	Leicester Cathedral	Summer Visits
September 5th	The Walled Garden at Bosworth Hall	Glynis/Ingrid/Robert
September 19th	Civil War in the East Midlands	Kevin Winter
October 17th	Market Bosworth Country Park	David Luther
November 21st	1620 House Candlelit Tour	Richard Knox
January 16th	Your Viking Neighbours at Home	Marion Whiting
February 20th	Murder Most Foul	Vanessa Morgan
March 20th	It's Your Funeral	Eddy Smallwood

## Desford Aerodrome

Following up on our report of the February meeting, The history of Desford by Kate Twitchin, I received this in an email from our good friend Walter Baynes.

Nigel, there is one interesting point that is made to the effect that Desford aerodrome "must have been a well-kept secret" ...WRONG!

Here is an aerial photo of the airfield taken in June 1939 from the German records.



Oops, it would appear that the Luftwaffe knew all about Desford Aerodrome but for some reason did not feel it warranted a full scale attack, What they may not have known is that over 1000 Spitfire fighter planes were assembled there. That may have prompted more attention. It appears that the Luftwaffe knew the size and distribution of the airfield and one must assume the purpose. My thoughts are that as it was so far inland and a training airfield, not directly involved in the defence of England, the Luftwaffe saw it as a minor target and concentrated elsewhere. Luckily for those living nearby. Now, does anyone else have any information or memories about the airfield? Mr Grandad Charlie Palmer worked there as did my father Patrick (Pat) immediately upon leaving school. The latter as an apprentice carpenter until he moved to work for a local builder. Be lovely to hear from anyone with any memories of Desford Aerodrome.

## Time For A Quiz?

Anyone paying attention will have noticed that I am gradually working through the Kings and Queens and this month have gone away, way back in time to King Egbert (who shares the same first name with my maternal grandfather – it's a small world). I have a list of the Kings and Queens and hopefully there will not be any duplication. If anyone has any interesting quizzes please share them with me for future Newsletters.

1. King Egbert, was the ruler of which of the following areas in Anglo-Saxon England.
  - a) Surrey
  - b) Kent
  - c) Sussex
  - d) Wessex
2. As a young man, Egbert spent some time in exile at the court of a very famous Frankish king. Name the Frankish king..
  - a) Charlemagne
  - b) Pepin
  - c) Clovis
  - d) Maravich
3. Although very little is known about the wife of King Egbert, it is written that he was succeeded by a son. What was the name of his son, who inherited the kingdom upon Egbert's death.
  - a) Harold Godwinson
  - b) Edward the Confessor
  - c) Cynric
  - d) Æthelwulf
4. Which grandson of King Egbert was finally able to contain the Vikings in an area of England called the Danelaw.
  - a) Alfred the Great
  - b) Edward the Elder
  - c) Arthur
  - d) Offa
5. King Ælla, the other Anglo-Saxon king who has a role in "Vikings", was the ruler of which kingdom in northern England.
  - a) Mercia
  - b) Northumbria
  - c) Kent
  - d) East Anglia
6. King Egbert and King Ælla were contemporaries.
  - a) True
  - b) False
7. According to Viking sagas, King Ælla captured and executed which Viking leader.
  - a) Haakon Haraldsson
  - b) Ragnar Lothbrok
  - c) Eric the Red
  - d) Sweyn Forkbeard
8. In retaliation for the death of their leader, the Vikings planned another invasion of England in 865. What was the name the Anglo-Saxons used for the coalition of Viking warriors who attacked England that year.

- a) Golden Horde
- b) Great Heathen Army
- c) The Ten Thousand
- d) King's Companions

9. Originally founded by the Romans as a fortress called Eboracum, what city occupied by the Vikings is believed by some to be the place where King Ælla died in battle.

- a) York
- b) Nottingham
- c) London
- d) Thetford

10. Other sources report that the Vikings executed King Ælla in the most gruesome way possible. In what way did the Vikings carry out the death sentence after capturing the king.

- a) Scaphism
- b) Blood Eagle
- c) Flaying
- d) Boiling to death

## Planned Works by Severn Trent

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Project Title: Market Bosworth STW  
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Severn Trent Water  
PO Box 407  
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18 March 2024

Dear Customer

### We're making some improvements near your home...

As the years pass, the need to carry out improvements at our treatment works becomes greater, so we're carrying out some essential improvements at our Market Bosworth Sewage Treatment works. We're installing some new equipment at the site to further improve the waste treatment process and to improve overall river quality. It'll also increase our capacity to serve the growing population.

### Details

Our team will be working within the treatment works grounds on Congerstone Lane until Summer 2024.

- There are currently no plans to work weekends or overnight.
- There'll be a slight increase in daily site traffic and there'll be days when there are more deliveries of time sensitive materials such as concrete or large equipment or machinery.
- Overall, the work we're doing won't cause any significant noise disruption but we'll let you know if this changes.

### Get in touch

If you have any queries, please get in touch with me on 07703 718436, during office hours.

Yours faithfully

Helen Purdy  
Community Communications Officer  
Severn Trent

## **Dixie Grammer School old boys and girls.**

A little different this month, we decided to share with you not a famous person but what it was like to attend the school in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. As you will read it wasn't always plain sailing. I have Walter Baynes to thank for this and at least this time he has provided a translation for the Latin inscription. Thank you Walter.

### **HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE JUVABIT**

“Someday you may recall today with pleasure.”

(We have taken the following excerpts from a volume of reminiscences sent to us by P. J. Loseby, a very Old Boy, who moved to live and work in South Africa. Where is that volume now?).

And what a long way back it is! It was in January 1884 that I entered the Grammar School, a little more than eight years old. The Headmaster was Sampson, tall with a reddish beard and a weak chest who boasted in a jocular manner that he had taken a double third at Oxford; he had two assistants, Forty, who left the sinking ship for Hymer's College, Hull and Minchell. There were eighteen boys, some of them big and many of them brainless. Not so long ago, the school had reasonably big numbers. The previous headmaster had enough boarders to fill two pews in Church, some of them hefty fellows who came to be coached for Sandhurst. I remember, that down at the canal, there were two four-oared boats and a couple of pairs.

There were no organised games, but the boys on their own ran a cricket XI and played Hinckley and other local schools, but the problem of raising an eleven of any sort was somewhat acute. I had rather a rough time at the hands of one or two of the bigger boys. On one occasion I was put into a sack and hung on the railings in front of the school. A herd of cows came past and one and all came and had a smell, and then passed on with the exception of one, more curious than the rest, which turned me and the bag round.

Before I was twelve, I had read and loved two books of Vergil (II and VI) and at that age I sat for a scholarship at Daventry Grammar School and, to my joy, had to translate the story of the meeting in the netherworld of Aeneas and Palinurus. So goodbye to Bosworth for a time; but only for a time. I came back to Bosworth.

Pearson the new Headmaster, started with a dozen boys and by the end of the first year .the numbers had risen to twenty. Two assistant masters now appeared - Dicky Robinson and "Nanny" Gardner. Dicky was an Oxford man (B.N.C.), I fancy his actual name was "Rabinovitch" and he had not quite assimilated the language of the land of his adoption. He said "buzzum" where less original men would have said "bosom", but he was an excellent teacher and as keen as mustard.

He organised the games and we had a full fixture list, both for cricket and for football. We won only one or two matches, but we were launched. We had paper chases. On one occasion I was the "hare." We were running along the tow path of the canal and as the leading hounds were in sight, we swam the canal. But that was an unfortunate move, for the cold water was rather exhausting and we had not realised that there was a culvert at that very spot, through which the hounds could pass dryshod, and we were quickly overtaken. And we had debates on the relative merits of jam and marmalade, on ghosts etc., etc. and we had negro minstrels, and a dramatic society, but of course nothing approaching the excellence of the performance of H.M.S. Pinafore that I was fortunate enough to see at the school a few years ago.

He had a classical degree and when he left, after a couple of years or so, we never had another teacher of his calibre in my time. It was a sad day for me when he left, for I had my eye on the Dixie Exhibition at Emmanuel and after he went I never had a Latin or Greek composition corrected, and as for verse, well, I ask you! I had been told to write a welcome in elegiacs to Bishop Creighton when he came to give away the prizes and it was printed on the programmes. I remember two villainous lines,

"Pontificem gaudent pueri vidisse cathedram

Quo lux insignis, gloria magna sedet."

Which translates to:



“The children are happy to see the Pope in the chair  
Where the great light sits, the great glory”

While one of the committee was welcoming his lordship, I noticed he was scanning my effusion and when he got up to speak, in the kindest possible way, he gave me my first lesson in verse composition.

Pearson was a real slave driver. I remember once, when Reg my brother and I were down with 'flu he brought the class to our bedroom so that we should not miss a lesson. But mother rose to the occasion. Firmly and politely she barred the way to the invaders, saying the doctor would never forgive her if she allowed eight or ten boys to be exposed to infection. But that is the sort of man Pearson was. Successes were advertised and were good publicity.

He had a mania for exams. In the course of thirteen months I took the 1st class College of Preceptors, Oxford Junior, Cambridge Senior, and Oxford Senior, not for any benefit I was to derive, for I wanted to get on with my classics and was concerned only to get enough Maths, for my Little Go.

A. O. Jones was Pearson's brother-in-law. He subsequently represented Cambridge at Cricket and afterwards captained Notts and took an English side to Australia; he played for the University at Rugger and got his English Cap but not his blue. He got half-blues for Fives, Swimming, Boxing and Billiards. At Bosworth he was supposed to be reading for his college entrance exam. He and I were not in any class but reading by ourselves in the dining room. Reading did not interest him. He had, however, another use for books. Round the long table he would take books from the shelves and arrange them for cushions with gaps at the corners, and halfway down the sides. He produced three golf balls from his pocket and said, "Have you ever played billiards?". I hadn't, and with a walking stick he gave an exhibition of his remarkable power. At fives, he would take on three of us at a time and complaining that we were not ordinary sport, would further handicap himself by taking the ball with his hand behind his back.

At cricket that year we beat every school in the county and his batting average was over eighty, but he did not head the bowling averages, for he fielded so close in at point as to intimidate the batsman and take the ball right off the end of the bat, so the score read "c Jones 6 b Brind" for half the side. I don't suppose in the history of the game there has been his equal in the slips. But the notice of him on the school honours board is false. He never got a scholarship at Jesus. He never passed his own Little Go. He was just a paid gladiator. The college gave him a grant sufficient to pay his college fees in 1893, I think, but in two years he never passed a single exam.

Jones' younger brother F. H. followed him at Bosworth and though not in the same class as A. O. athletically, he was a good cricketer and a very good man at Rugby (which he had learnt at Bedford and for which he subsequently got his blue). Like A. O. he was sufficiently versatile to captain the school soccer XI through two successful seasons, but his heart was in the other game and in the school holidays he played for Leicester.

My best friend at Bosworth was Jack Orford. His father was the doctor who brought me into the world. We were together in every boyish misdemeanour, poached trout together in the brook, fished together in the big river and collected birds-eggs together.

My brother Reg. and I collected 100 varieties. I remember climbing to the top of one of the trees in Sutton Ambion where a Kestrel had its nest. I carried a short cudgel by a loop on my wrist. This was needed, for the male bird came for my eyes, but I managed to beat it off and as the hawk is vermin, had no hesitation in taking all four eggs.

Down below Reg. and Jack held an outspread coat and managed to catch the eggs unbroken, as one by one I threw them down. In the same way, we got five carrion-crows' eggs. On another day I got a kingfisher's egg. It was in the high bank of the brook where it runs near the Carlton canal bridge at a spot we used to call "the boarders jump." Here the brook makes a bend to pass high ground. On one side the bank is about 6 feet high and on the other just about water level. The brook is ten to twelve feet wide. The boarders often came this way for their Sunday afternoon walk. It was rather terrifying for a small youngster, but tradition made it compulsory for every new boy to jump it.

Here we found a kingfisher's nest. There were eight eggs in it, but we at once recognised that one of them was rotten, and therefore could be blown, but the question was to which of the collections did it belong. I had my

first fight with Jack for its possession. Finally, in deadly embrace we rolled to the ground together and ultimately rolled together over the edge into a foot or so of water more than six feet below. Unfortunately the egg came with us and didn't survive the shock, so that was that.

There was a boy named Mayo who was starting a collection and wanted a white-throat's egg. I told him of a nest among some nettles at the fourth stile on the footpath to the bridge. He went, and came back with not only a white-throat's egg, but also a cuckoo's. I claimed this, but Mayo refused to give it up. Then Sutton constituted himself as judge and pronounced that the egg should come to me but I must pay Mayo 4d. As the market price of the egg in those days was 1s. 6d. (0.08p) I gladly agreed, and justice was more or less satisfied.

There was a famous place in the canal where one could, with a little trouble, at the right time (when wheat is in the ear) catch a good basket of bream. You had to put down ground bait the night before and fish at sunrise. At this spot the brook runs under the canal. The fishing was rented by Lord Howe to a Birmingham Syndicate, but we youngsters had our own ideas about poaching. While our chief lines were in the canal and we sat down ostensibly watching the bobbing float; sitting on the wall of the bridge, behind us we dangled into the pool below lines baited with a brandling attached to a Stewart tackle, and after a highly successful morning went home with a couple of two pound trout under a pile of slimy bream.

Jack Orford, by the way, had just qualified as a doctor when the Boer War broke out. When peace came he put up his plate in Kleksdorp, today the chief gold producing centre in the Union of South Africa. Like the rest of his family, he was very keen on sport and bought a couple of hundred acres of rough land 10 miles or so from Kleksdorp for the sake of some rough shooting. But being fond of animals, he wrote home to Buzz Stevenson, a contemporary of ours at school, a good fast bowler who had become a cattle dealer, to send him four heifers and a young bull of a breed that would keep alive on the poorest of grazing.

Stevenson sent him some Red Sussex, the foundation of the famous Bosworth Herd which have always been among the finest exhibits of the Johannesburg cattle show, winning prizes galore and time and time again the Supreme Championship even sending back young bulls to the parent herd in Sussex.

Besides serving in the Boer War, he was also in the Kaiser's and in Hitler's war, was deputy director of medical services, a personal friend of Smuts, like Smuts most keen on improving the quality of veld grasses and retiring with the rank of Brigadier General. When he died three years ago I lost the best friend I ever had, *dimidium animae meae*. ("Half of my own life". Horace)

I remember seeing Lady Florence Dixie walking in the park smoking an old black pipe. She was correspondent of the Daily News during the Zulu War and afterwards brought Catawayo back with her, to live for a time in the Hall. Her husband had gambled away his estate. Vast numbers of trees in the park were felled in an effort to stave off inevitable bankruptcy and I have vague recollections of drilling gear brought in, in a vain attempt to find coal. *Sic itur ad inferos*. (Thus one travels to a poorer place.)

Lady Florence was the pioneer of "cross saddle" riding for women.

Sir Beaumont's father was very keen on his son's becoming a good cricketer. Squirrel Wright told me that as a page boy he had to bowl on the lawn to young Beau, who had been promised half a crown (12.5p) for every time he could hit a ball through the window, and that he, Squirrel was suborned to throw the ball through, while the young urchin went to collect the cash.

I left school at Midsummer 1894, having secured the Dixie Exhibition and went to Emmanuel in October of that year. I don't suppose that any part of this screed will ever see print, but if it does, perhaps the tag "*Haec ohm meminisse juvabit*" will come back to your mind. I've had a certain amount of pleasure in writing it, at any rate *Quod dixi, dixi*, ("What I have said I have said", the Dixie family motto.) and that's that.

P. J. LOSEBY circa 1958

**Responsions** was the first of the three examinations formerly required for acceptance for an academic degree at the University of Oxford. It was nicknamed **Little Go** or **Smalls** and was normally taken by students prior to or shortly after matriculation, on the basis that without standardised qualifications from school examinations, the university had to verify for itself the quality of the students that colleges were accepting. The examination consisted of comparatively simple questions on Latin, Ancient Greek, and mathematics. It was abolished in 1960.

Thanks again Walter I enjoyed that and I am looking forward to your Mathematica Quattuor in April.

## News from Neighbourhood Link

**Neighbourhood  
Link**



**Leicestershire  
Police**  
Protecting our communities

The Market Bosworth beat team are concerned about some drivers ignoring the yellow zig zags outside the



schools. They also are receiving an increased number of calls due to blocked driveways and pavements. If your driveway or pavement is blocked please report it via 101. By reporting any events it will help to identify hot spots requiring further actions.

We would like to remind parents/carers during school drop off/pick up times of the following:  
Parking outside someone's house:

Whilst It is perfectly legal to park outside someone's house, you should not be blocking any driveways/drop kerbs.

Please be considerate!!!

Yellow zig-zag lines:

Yellow zig-zag lines outside of schools etc indicate the length of road where STOPPING or WAITING is strictly prohibited.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or dropping off children.

Parking on the pavement:

Parking on a pavement can obstruct and be an inconvenience for pedestrians, people in

wheelchairs, those with visual impairments, and people with prams and pushchairs. It is also a danger to young persons.

The yellow zigzags were put outside the school (or library if you prefer) to prevent the dangerous situation of cars driving on the opposite footpath to avoid oncoming vehicles. The yellow zigzags do seem to work and I have not witnessed any cars driving on the pavement since the lines were introduced. It was particularly dangerous as many schoolchildren were walking along that pavement to their schools. You can sign up for newsletters here: <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/#SignUp>

# BOSWORTH LINKS



Digging up the past

Not long now until the Shenton Dig and plans are moving ahead quickly. Its not too late to join in, all you need to do is complete a volunteer form on the website [www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links](http://www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links) and you will be able to take part. We are aiming for over 15 test pits and so there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> March we held the Masterclass for Shenton, where Peter Liddle MBE did another excellent job of letting us know what we might find. Peter encouraged the audience to come up to the table and actually feel some of the pottery, some of which was several thousand years old. Following the Masterclass we had the Cadeby feedback meeting and world premier of the Cadeby Dig Video. Another excellent piece of work by Bill Newsinger. Mathew gave a most interesting explanation of the data discovered and is working on a very exciting theory linking some of our digs with the Domesday book. Work on that continues and I will update you in later Newsletters. If you would like to read the reports you can find them on the website [www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links](http://www.marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-links) I have also added a link to the video. Alternatively you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3blmKucYAKo> to watch the video via YouTube.

## A Mystery to solve

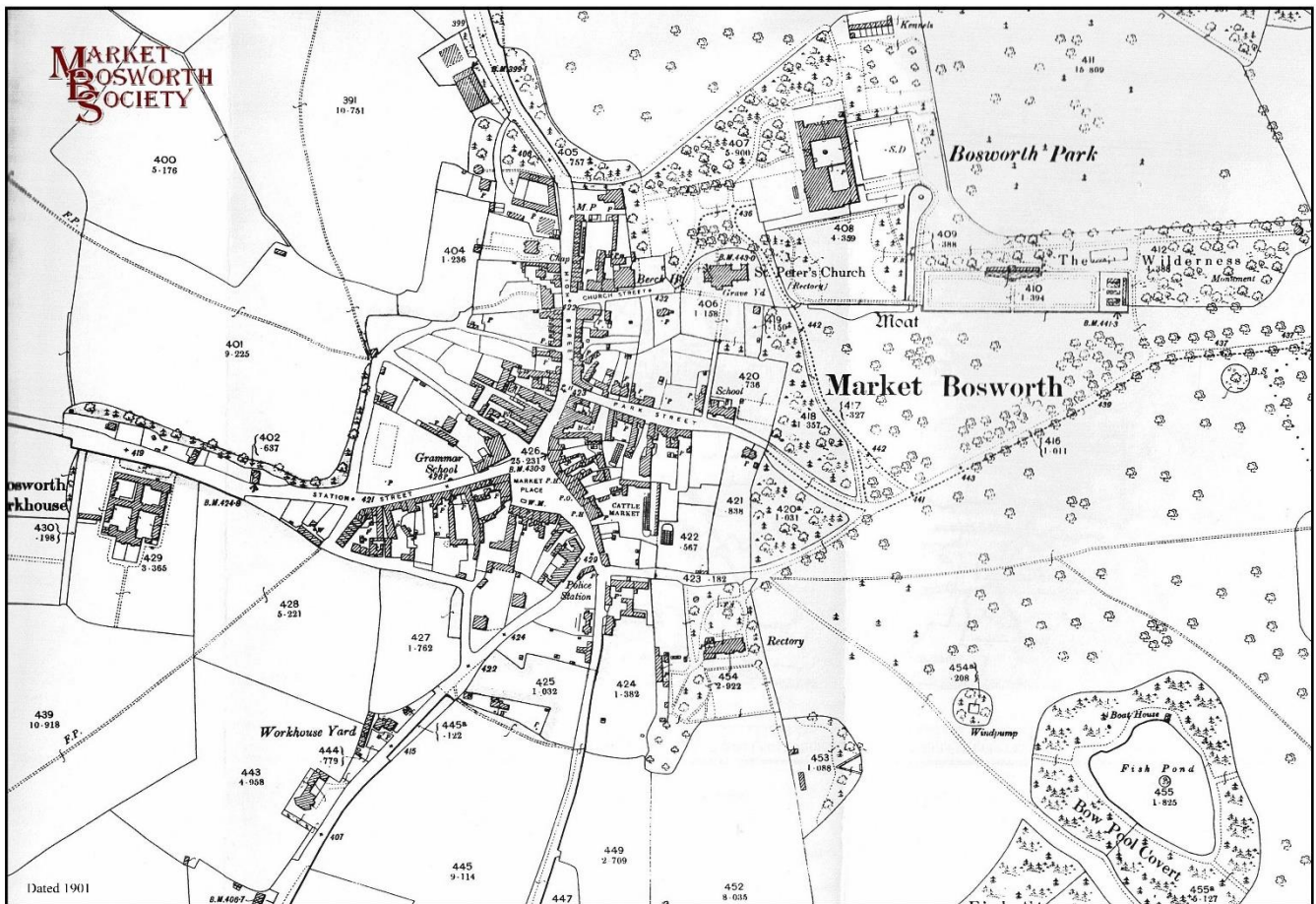
I recently purchased a map on behalf of the MBS and on the back was a list of residents of Market Bosworth in 1901 and also this:

Bosworth Park, is the seat of Charles Norman Lindsay Tollemache Scott esq. J.P. ; the mansion is of red brick with stone dressings in the Queen Anne style and was thoroughly restored in 1887, and the electric light introduced. The grounds are well laid out with avenues, shrubs and terraces, and the park, which extends over about 400 acres and contains several sheets of water, is well stocked with deer and game. In this park Richard III. raised his standard prior to the battle of Bosworth Field and a clump of trees called "Dick's Clump," marks the spot. Handsome lodges and massive entrance gates were erected in 1887. The land is chiefly the property of C. N. L. Tollemache Scott esq. J.P. who is lord of the manor.

I had not heard before of Dick's Clump, I assume it is a reference to the Oak Ring which does exist on the Old Deer Park, and is mentioned in The History of Market Bosworth by Peter Foss. Does anyone know anything at all about Dicks Clump?

# And Finally

We have some prints of a map of Market Bosworth dated 1901.



We are offering them for sale with all profits going to the Society. They cost £10.00 for a print and £25.00 for a framed print. If you would like to order a copy please use the [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) address to place your order. The prints will be delivered to you at the April lecture meeting or by special arrangement if you will not be at that meeting.

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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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Answers to this month's quiz.

1. d	3. d	5. b	7. b	9. a
2. a	4. a	6. b (false).	8. a	10. b.

