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Connecting people who care about the heritage of Hinckley & Bosworth

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Pictured at the unveiling of a Plaque to William Everard are left to right: Greg Drozd BEM, Local Historian, Mayor of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Cathie Gibbens, Sarah Everard, President Richard Everard & Chairman Julian Everard. See more inside . . .

Welcome to Heritage Together

Welcome to this newsletter aimed at bringing together the people, organisations and communities who are helping to preserve and celebrate the rich heritage of our borough.

Produced by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in partnership with local heritage organisations, this Newsletter is intended to become a source of news, inspiration and shared learning. It will showcase heritage projects, highlight successful initiatives, celebrate local achievements and promote events taking place across Hinckley & Bosworth.

The publication builds upon the success of the Heritage Forum, which was re-established to encourage collaboration between local history societies, museums, parish councils,



community groups, volunteers and individuals with a shared passion for the borough's historic environment. The most recent Forum, held at the Atkins Building in April 2026, demonstrated the wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise that exists across the borough. The next Forum is planned for November 2026, with further details to be announced in due course.

This publication also reflects the ambitions set out in the [Council's Heritage Strategy 2025-2029](#), which promotes the conservation, understanding and enjoyment of the borough's historic environment. As local government evolves through forthcoming reorganisation, the Heritage Forum provides an important opportunity for organisations to continue working together, sharing expertise and supporting one another to ensure our heritage remains at the heart of local communities.

Whether your interests lie in archaeology, historic buildings, local history, industrial heritage, archives, museums, family history or community projects, we hope this publication will encourage you to discover what is happening beyond your own town or village. Every community has its own unique story, and by sharing ideas and experiences we can all benefit from one another's successes.

This first edition has been circulated to members of the Heritage Forum and to parish councils

throughout the borough, but we hope it will reach an even wider audience. Please feel free to share it with colleagues, friends and anyone with an interest in the heritage of Hinckley & Bosworth.

We hope you enjoy this first edition and, more importantly, that it inspires you to become part of the network of people working together to preserve and celebrate the remarkable heritage of Hinckley & Bosworth.



Atkins Building, venue for the Heritage Forum

Shown below :examples of plaques installed



Forum Presentation: The English Civil War in Hinckley and Bosworth

Members were treated to an engrossing morning presentation by Greg Drozd BEM MA, who explored the English Civil War through the lens of our own local area. Rather than concentrating on the better-known national events, Greg demonstrated how the conflict touched virtually every community across Hinckley and Bosworth, bringing to life the people, places and incidents that shaped this turbulent period of the 1640s.



Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle

Setting the scene, Greg explained the bitter rivalry between two of Leicestershire's most powerful figures: the Royalist Henry Hastings and the Parliamentarian Lord Thomas Grey. Their opposing loyalties effectively divided the county, with Hastings operating from the formidable Ashby Castle while Grey's influence extended across much of the surrounding area. The contrasting fortunes of these rival commanders formed the backdrop to many of the local events that followed. Greg also highlighted Kirby Muxloe Castle, another important fortified residence linked to the Hastings family, illustrating how these impressive buildings were not merely stately homes but strategic centres of military planning, supply and defence.

An intriguing section of the presentation examined Bagworth, where the medieval moated site has long been associated with Royalist activity. Although the evidence remains open to interpretation, Greg explained why historians believe the moats



John Cooke of Burbage 1608-1660

may have provided a useful defensive position or temporary base during the conflict. This served as an excellent example of how archaeology, landscape features and documentary evidence can combine to reveal aspects of the Civil War that are often overlooked. It also demonstrated that traces of the conflict remain embedded within the local countryside for those who know where to look.

... Bagworth likely to have provided a useful defensive position ...

The presentation then turned to the effect of the war on ordinary people. Situated on the important Watling Street corridor, villages across the district found themselves repeatedly targeted by both Royalist and Parliamentarian forces. Soldiers required horses, cattle, food and supplies, and these were frequently taken by force from local inhabitants. Greg described documented incidents from Morebarn, Orton-on-the-Hill



Kirby Muxloe Castle

and Witherley, where valuable horses were seized by troops operating from nearby garrisons including Tamworth and Astley Castle. Such records vividly illustrate the hardships experienced by farming communities caught between two opposing armies.

Greg also introduced the audience to a remarkable collection of local personalities whose lives reflected the divided loyalties of the time. William Rumbold of Burbage remained fiercely loyal to Charles I, later serving the future Charles II and suffering imprisonment and torture for his activities as a Royalist agent. In complete contrast stood John Cooke of Burbage, Cromwell's Solicitor General, whose prosecution of Charles I at his trial ultimately led to the King's execution. Other notable figures included the Royalist poet John

... loyal Rumbold of Burbage ...

Cleveland of Hinckley, the Parliamentary preacher Richard Vines, Sir Henry Firebrace of Stoke Golding, and the regicides Peter Temple and John Bradshaw, each illustrating how nationally significant figures emerged from our own locality.

The concluding section examined two of the area's most significant military engagements. The Battle of Hinckley, fought on 4 March 1644, saw Parliamentary troops overcome Royalist forces occupying the town after a brief but fierce struggle centred on the Market Place and St Mary's Church. Greg showed how parish burial records provide compelling evidence of those killed in the fighting. Attention then turned to the Second Battle of Bosworth on 1 July 1644, where Royalist troops returning



Charles I Bedchamber



*Memorial in Stoke Golding Church to Sir Henry Firebrace
"Honest Harry" 1619 – 1690*

from plundering expeditions were intercepted and defeated, resulting in prisoners being captured and stolen livestock restored to their rightful owners. These little-known engagements underline the strategic importance of the district during the Civil War.

Throughout the morning Greg combined meticulous research with an engaging

... affected villages, farms & market towns ...

presentation style, weaving together documentary evidence, local geography and the stories of the people who lived through the conflict. Members were left with a much greater appreciation that the English Civil War was not simply a struggle fought at distant battlefields, but one that profoundly affected the villages, farms and market towns of Hinckley and Bosworth. It was an absorbing and highly informative talk, reminding everyone that some of the nation's most significant historical events unfolded remarkably close to home.

Groby: From Brewery Founder to Blue Plaque

William Everard's contribution to Leicestershire brewing has been recognised with the latest addition to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's Blue Plaque Scheme.

In early June, local residents, members of the Everard family and heritage enthusiasts gathered outside The Stamford Arms in Groby for the unveiling of the Borough's newest blue plaque, commemorating William Everard (1821–1892), the founder of the brewery that has become one of Leicestershire's best-known family businesses.

The Stamford Arms was a fitting location for the ceremony. William Everard was born and lived there before establishing, with maltster Thomas Hull, the brewery that would become Everards in 1849. More than seventy years later, in 1921, William's son Thomas acquired the Stamford Arms, further strengthening the family's connection with the building and the village where the story began.

The plaque was installed following research by local historian Greg Drozd, who approached Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council after discovering William Everard's links with Groby.



Greg explained: "I have been interested in the history of local breweries for some time. During a brewery tour at Everards last year, I learnt that William Everard had lived in Groby, one of the villages within Hinckley and Bosworth. Combining that with earlier research, I approached the Council to see whether William's contribution could be recognised through the Blue Plaque Scheme." His research builds on earlier work undertaken with the local branch. You can watch the unveiling via the [link](#).



Celebrating the organisations that make heritage happen

One of the greatest strengths of the **Hinckley & Bosworth Heritage Forum** is the diversity of its membership. Every organisation brings its own experience, expertise and enthusiasm, yet all share a common aim—to preserve and celebrate the rich heritage of the borough.

Following the recent Heritage Forum meeting, several member organisations have shared more information about their work. This is the first in what we hope will become a regular feature introducing Forum members and highlighting the many ways in which they are helping local communities understand and appreciate their history.

We would like every organisation represented within the Forum to feature in future editions. By sharing ideas, experiences and resources, we can learn from one another and encourage new partnerships across the borough.



Desford Heritage

What began in 2017 as a proposal to offer guided heritage walks has grown into one of the borough's most active and ambitious community heritage organisations.

The creation of ***Desford Heritage Trail***, featuring sixteen interpretation boards around the village, proved to be a landmark achievement and was officially launched during the highly successful ***Desford Heritage Festival*** in 2022. Having originally operated as a working group of Desford Parish Council, the organisation became an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2024. A significant milestone followed in 2025 when ***Desford & District Local History Society***, established in 1982, merged with [Desford Heritage](#). The amalgamation brought together decades of accumulated archives, an established programme of talks and visits, and a shared commitment to preserving the village's history for future generations.

Today the charity is supported by a dedicated board of trustees and an impressive network of specialist volunteer groups.

The ***Trail Group*** continues to expand the Heritage Trail, having already installed three additional interpretation boards while developing a digital App that will make the village's history even more accessible.

Carlton Parish Council

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Although one of the borough's smaller parishes, [Carlton Parish Council](#) has developed an impressive programme of heritage activity that demonstrates how local history can become part of everyday community life.

The Parish Council's website contains an extensive collection of articles exploring the village's history, often incorporating newly discovered research alongside memories and anecdotes contributed by local residents. These provide an evolving record of the parish and help preserve stories that might otherwise be lost.



St Andrew's Church, Carlton

The Council also organises occasional guided walks, encouraging residents and visitors alike to explore both Carlton's built heritage and its surrounding natural environment. In addition, the [Carlton News](#) regularly carries articles celebrating the history of the village, ensuring that local heritage remains accessible to the whole community.

The **Events Group** has established an enviable reputation for organising large community events, including the Heritage Festival and the popular **Festival of the Forties** celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day, alongside quizzes, Christmas markets and fundraising activities throughout the year.

The **Local History Group** continues a successful programme of talks, while 2026 has also seen the welcome return of coach visits to places of historic interest.

Meanwhile, the **Archive Group** undertakes the painstaking task of digitising an ever-growing collection of documents and photographs, ensuring that invaluable historical records are preserved for future generations. As with many heritage organisations, additional storage and research space remains a continuing aspiration.

More recently, the **Family History Group** has helped residents trace their own ancestry and contributed extensive research into Desford families featured during the Festival of the Forties, making significant use of the 1939 Register.

One of the charity's most exciting recent developments has been its growing partnership with local schools. Guided walks for Year 6 pupils and classroom workshops supporting the Year 5 history curriculum have introduced younger generations to the story of their own village, creating valuable educational partnerships that the charity hopes will continue to grow.

Like many successful heritage organisations, Desford Heritage relies upon a much wider group of volunteers than those directly involved in research. Many simply enjoy helping at community events and take pride in contributing to village life.

Funding is generated through community fundraising, grant applications—including support from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council—and sponsorship from local businesses.

The organisation has already identified numerous **Local Heritage Assets** through the Desford Neighbourhood Plan and is now keen to build upon the village's existing Blue Plaque commemorating **William Gadsby** by submitting further nominations.

Current projects include completing the Heritage Trail App and researching the

history of education in the village ahead of an exhibition marking **150 years since the opening of Desford Board School** in 2027.

As the trustees readily admit, there is never a shortage of ideas—only a shortage of time. Like every organisation represented within the Heritage Forum, their achievements are made possible by volunteers balancing heritage with work, family and everyday life.



Market Bosworth Society

With roots stretching back to the early 1970s and re-established in its current form in 2005, the [**Market Bosworth Society**](#) has become one of the borough's leading heritage organisations.

The Society exists not only to celebrate the town's rich history but also to promote the conservation of its distinctive character while helping to shape its future.

Over the past two decades the Society has delivered an impressive programme of publications, research projects, exhibitions, events and environmental initiatives. Much of this work is documented through its comprehensive website, which provides a valuable resource for anyone interested in the heritage of Market Bosworth.

Particularly noteworthy is the Society's extensive programme of newsletters, which are published regularly and contain a wealth of well-researched articles covering local history, archaeology, architecture, conservation and community heritage. Together they form an important archive of the town's evolving story and demonstrate how regular communication can help sustain community interest in local heritage.

The Society's success illustrates the important role that voluntary organisations play in preserving the identity and character of the borough's historic communities.

Would your organisation like to be featured?

Every Heritage Forum member has a story to tell. Whether your organisation researches local history, manages archives, restores buildings, organises guided walks or simply brings people together to celebrate their community, we would be delighted to feature your work in a future edition of ***Heritage Together Hinckley & Bosworth***.

By sharing our experiences, we strengthen the network of organisations working together to preserve the remarkable heritage of Hinckley & Bosworth.

Associated Groups

Local Heritage Groups:

Ada Lovelace in Hinckley Community Interest Company
Ashby Canal Association
Burbage Heritage Group
Desford Heritage
Hinckley & District Museum
Hinckley District Past & Present
Hinckley Archaeological Society
Market Bosworth Society
Nailstone History Group

Local historians:

Greg Drozd BEM

Local Councils:

Barwell Parish Council
Carlton Parish Council
Groby Parish Council
Higham on the Hill Parish Council
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton Parish Council
Market Bosworth Parish Council
Newbold Verdon Parish Council
Shackerstone Parish Council
Stoke Golding Parish Council
Witherley Parish Council

A Landmark in Social Housing - Leicestershire's First Council Houses

Today, the twelve modest houses on ***Granville Road, Hinckley***, blend quietly into the surrounding streetscape. Yet more than a century ago they represented one of the most forward-thinking housing schemes in Leicestershire—and a bold statement about the role local government could play in improving people's lives.

Completed in 1913 for ***Hinckley Urban District Council***, the houses were designed by the Council's Surveyor, ***Edward Crump***, at a time when Hinckley was experiencing rapid industrial expansion. The town's thriving hosiery and footwear industries were creating employment and attracting workers, but there was a growing problem. New homes were simply not being built quickly enough to meet demand.

Local manufacturers found it increasingly difficult



One of the twelve Houses of Granville Road, Hinckley

to recruit the workforce they needed because suitable accommodation was in short supply. Recognising that the housing shortage threatened the town's future prosperity, Hinckley Urban District Council took the unusual step of becoming a house builder itself.

It was a remarkably progressive decision.

Before the First World War, very few local authorities provided housing. Although Leicester Corporation had constructed a small number of flats in 1900, only three councils anywhere in Leicestershire had embarked upon municipal housing schemes, and *Hinckley became the first to build council houses*.

The success of the Granville Road development quickly encouraged further investment. Even before the first tenants had fully settled into their new homes, the Council approved a second scheme of sixteen houses nearby on *Rugby Road* and *Coventry Road*, establishing the foundations of what would become a much larger programme of municipal

housing in the years that followed.

To commemorate the importance of these pioneering homes, *Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council* has installed an interpretation board in the park opposite the development. The display tells the story of the houses, explains the origin of the *Granville Road* name and celebrates the achievements of *Edward Crump*, whose vision and design helped shape one of the county's earliest examples of council housing.

More than a century after they were built, the Granville Road houses remain occupied family homes. They stand not only as attractive Edwardian buildings but also as an enduring reminder of a time when an ambitious local council recognised that providing decent housing was essential to the wellbeing and prosperity of its community.

Below: Granville Park Heritage Board



Help Us Discover the Hidden Heritage of Hinckley & Bosworth

Every community has places, people and stories that deserve to be recognised. During the coming year, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is inviting local organisations and residents to help identify and record the rich heritage that exists across every town and village in the borough.

From ancient buildings and archaeological sites to historic landscapes, memorials, industrial remains and places of local importance, much of our heritage is already well documented. However, there are many lesser-known sites and stories that rely on local knowledge and community research if they are to be properly recorded and protected.

The Council's Conservation Team is launching a borough-wide heritage audit and is keen to work alongside local history societies, parish councils, community groups and individual residents. Whether you can contribute a few hours or become actively involved throughout the year, every contribution will help build a more complete picture of the borough's historic environment.

Fortunately, there is already a wealth of information available to support this work. Local publications, family history, archive material and community knowledge all play an important part, alongside established resources such as the **Leicestershire & Rutland Historic Environment Record** (Via [Heritage Gateway](#)), [Neighbourhood Plans](#), [Conservation Area Appraisals](#) and [Historic England's National Heritage List](#).

The information gathered will help inform future conservation work and identify opportunities to celebrate the borough's heritage in new and exciting ways. This could include:

- New [Blue Plaque nominations](#) recognising people who have made a significant contribution to local life.
- **The development of Hinckley & Bosworth's Local Heritage List**, recognising buildings, structures and places of local significance.
- New **heritage interpretation boards**, helping residents and visitors discover the stories behind the places they see every day.

- **Heritage trails, publications and educational resources** that bring local history to a wider audience.
- **Recommendations for national designation**, where sites may merit statutory protection.
- **Identifying heritage at risk**, ensuring important assets receive the attention and protection they deserve.

This is very much a collaborative project. No one knows a community better than the people who live there, and local knowledge is often the key to uncovering stories that would otherwise remain hidden.

If you would like to become involved, or simply discuss how your organisation could contribute, please contact the Council's **Conservation Officer** on **01455 255671** or email conservation@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

Together we can build a richer understanding of the heritage that makes Hinckley & Bosworth such a special place to live, work and visit.



HBBC Heritage Strategy 2025-2029

Funding sources for heritage projects

Public funding and grants are available from various sources to assist in the development and delivery of your local heritage project.

The Borough Council may be able to provide support via:

- The **Environmental Improvement Programme**. Consider developing heritage conservation projects now in advance of a January 2027 call for projects for delivery during the financial year 2027/28. For further information please contact the Council's **Conservation Officer**
- The **Parish and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund**. Please note this reopens for applications for funding for 2027/28 from October this year: [Parish and Hinckley community initiative fund](#)
- General information regarding Council grants is available here: [Grants and funding](#)

There is a wide range of other grant opportunities for heritage projects depending on their type, scale and location. Large scale funders include Historic England, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and Arts Council England.

The [Heritage Funding Directory](#) is a free guide to financial and other support for anyone undertaking UK-related heritage projects. Combining the funding directories of [The Heritage Alliance](#) and the [Architectural Heritage Fund](#), it lists over 500 sources of grants from trusts and foundations, as well as organisations offering loan finance, awards, scholarships and other 'in kind' resources.

You can find advice for parishes on how to raise money for maintaining, repairing and developing church buildings via the [Churchcare website](#).

The Directory of Social Change's Funds Online [website](#) contains information on over 8,000 grant-making trusts.

[Leicestershire Communities](#) provides information of community-based funding opportunities including being able to sign up to a monthly funding opportunity bulletin.

Blue Plaque Nominations

As highlighted earlier, we are keen to gather information and ideas from all of our stakeholders. We also encourage the submission of new Blue Plaque nominations to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the life and heritage of their local community.

To inspire further nominations and celebrate the remarkable people associated with our Borough, the following pages include the current list of Blue Plaque nominations received by the Council. We hope these examples will encourage residents, local organisations and community groups to identify other deserving individuals whose achievements and contributions should be recognised for future generations.

Current Blue Plaque Nomination List

Bagworth

Peter Henry Christopher **BADHAM**
1911-1983

Born in Bagworth; educated at
Winchester College
First Class and Minor Counties
Cricketer 1933-1947

Thomas **BLOWER** Died 1913
Cycling Champion

Thomas **SYKES**
Born in Bagworth died 1711
Learned Divine
Scholar, Tutor, Fellow, Lady Margaret
Professor and Professor of Divinity,
Trinity College, Oxford
President of Trinity College

Barwell

William **BRADFORD** 1663-1752
Born Barwell, Buried New York City
Prominent colonial printer in
Philadelphia and New York

Captain John **SHENTON** 1612-1690
Royalist Sympathiser escaped capture
by hiding in a tree

Burbage

John **COOKE** 1608-1660
Born in Burbage
Progressive Lawyer
First Solicitor General of
the English Commonwealth and lead
prosecutor of Charles I

George **DEARING** 1911-1968
Trade Unionist; General Secretary
and President National Union of
Hosiery and Knitwear Workers;
Councillor Hinckley Urban District
Council 1950-1967 Chairman 1958

William **RUMBOLD** 1613-1667
Royalist and Spy
Carried the Royal Standard at Not-
tingham 1641

Congerstone

John **GRUNDY** Snr 1696-1748
Surveyor; Teacher; Civil Engineer
Responsible for draining the Fens

John **GRUNDY** Jnr
1719-1783
Civil Engineer; worked with his father.

Desford

Thomas William Gorden **KELLY**
Died 1945
Desford's outstanding community physician

The **RIPPIN** family
William Rippin was President of the Ramblers' Association

Allen Edgar **WAND**
WW1 veteran and Company Commander Major in Home Guard.
Involved in capture of fleeing Heinkel crew in 1941

Earl Shilton

George **PANTER** 1837-1896
Cricketer

Fenny Drayton

George **FOX** 1624-1690
Born in the village
Founder of the Quakers and persecuted for religious dissent
Lived in a cottage in Dog Yard

Dick **TURPIN** 1706 – 1739
Notorious Highwayman
Reputedly lived in the village and worked the surrounding area

Grobby

Elizabeth **WOODVILLE** 1437-1492
Queen of England
Lived in the Old Hall, Grobby

Hinckley

Charles James **APPERLEY** 1778-1843
Famous sporting writer under the pseudonym "Nimrod"
Lived in Hinckley 1801-1804

William **AUCOTT** 1830-1915
Born Hinckley
National Trade Union Leader in the Iron and Steel trade

Arthur Talbot **BASS** 1872-1931
Solicitor and Author

Elizabeth **BULTITUDE** 1809-1890
Travelling Primitive Methodist Minister. Served Hinckley in the 1850s

Joseph Thomas **BURGESS** FSA
1828-1886
Journalist, author, antiquarian, artist
Educated in Hinckley
FSA 1876

John **CLEVELAND** 1613-1658
Popular Royalist and Poet
Educated at Hinckley Grammar School 1622-1627

Rev Joseph **GILL** 1815-1856
Independent Minister and contemporary of David Livingstone on African Missions

James **HARROLD** 1772-1846
Musician and Poet
Leader of St. Mary's choir for over 50 years

William Frederick **MARVIN**
1804-1876
Expatriate Shoemaker, Poet
Born Hinckley; Lived Kentucky, USA.
"a gifted man of genius"

Charles **PARSONS**
Died 1857
Baptist preacher
Sunday School Pioneer

John **ROBINSON** 1723-1792
Scientist and collaborator on first history written about Hinckley

Richard **VINES** 1600-1656
Puritan Divine and Hinckley School master
Prominent Parliamentarian in English Civil War

Kirkby Mallory

Thomas NOEL 1779-1861
Poet and son of the Rector

Market Bosworth

William **BRADSHAW** 1571-1618
Born in Market Bosworth
Puritan controversialist and prolific writer

Samuel **JOHNSON** 1709 – 1784
Usher at Dixie Grammar School 1733
Lexicographer

Sir John Charles **BUCKNILL** FRS JP
1817-1897
Born in Market Bosworth
Psychiatrist and Mental Health Reformer
Promoter of the volunteer military movement.

Bernard **NEWMAN** 1897 – 1968
Civil servant and prolific writer
Educated at Dixie Grammar School

Sir Alexander **DIXIE** RN 1780 – 1857
Naval Commander
Captain of HMS Phoebe at the Battle of Trafalgar 1805

John **POWER** 1758 – 1847
Physician, Botanist and Author

Arthur Benoni **EVANS** 1781-1851
Poet, Scholar, Author, Philologist
Headmaster of Dixie Grammar School

Robert **PULL**
Died 1755
Patent Medicine manufacturer

Nailstone

Thomas **CORBETT**

Died 1586

Courtier to the Tudor Monarchs
from Henry VIII to Elizabeth I

Charles Edward **STEWART**

1720 - 1788

Bonnie Prince Charlie

The Young Pretender

Reputed to have visited supporters in
Nailstone and to have taken decision
to retreat to Scotland

William **KNOWLES** Died 1784

Agriculturalist

Norton Juxta Twycross

William **WHISTON** 1667 – 1752

Born in Norton Juxta Twycross

Author and Theologian

Odstone

John **BRADSHAW** 1602 – 1659

Regicide, President of the trial of
Charles I.

Owned Odstone Hall

Orton on the Hill

Rev William **PAUL** 1678–1786

Jacobite Vicar

Osbaston

Francis Noel Clarke **MUNDAY**

1739 -1815

Poet

Ratby

Thomas **JAYES** 1877–1913

Cricketer

William **SHIPMAN** 1886–1943

Cricketer

Sheepy Parva

Professor Sir John **BRETLAND**

FARMER FRS, FRSE 1865-1944

Born in Sheepy Parva

Distinguished cytologist, conducting
cell research

Shackerstone

Richard **DUMELLER** 1748–1816

Farmer and cultivator of the Shack-
erstone apple, a variety of cooking
apple.

Sibson

Peter **TEMPLE** 1599-1663

Regicide – signed the death warrant
of Charles I

MP for Leicester 1645-1653

Eventually imprisoned in the Tower
of London

Sketchley

Rev Edward **TAYLOR** 1642–1729

Born at Sketchley

Colonial American Poet, Pastor and
Physician in Massachusetts, USA

Stapleton

Richard **DAWES** 1708–1766

Born in Stapleton

Greek Scholar and Schoolmaster

Stoke Golding

Francis **BROKESBY** 1637–1714

Born in Stoke Golding; Died in
Hinckley

Clergyman, Essayist and Author

Father Desmond **MURRAY** OP

1887-1967

Lived here (Convent houses)

Noted international entomologist and
illustrator

STOKE GOLDING CONVENT, Site
of

Sutton Cheney

Thomas **SIMPSON** 1710–1761

Mathematician

Buried at Sutton Cheney

Originator of “Simpson’s Rule”

Thornton

Lemuel **ABBOTT** 1730-1776

Vicar of St. Peter’s Church

Poet and writer on structure of
English verse

Twycross

James **SPERRY** 1910-1991

Born and Died in Thornton

First Class Cricketer 1937-1952

Rev Andrew **BLOXHAM** 1801–1878

Naturalist and Writer

Rector of Twycross 1839-1871

Sailed on a botanical expedition to
the South Seas on HMS Blonde 1824-
1826

Wellsborough

Benjamin **BENNET** 1674-1726

Minister and author of hymns, reli-
gious and
Historical works.

Countess Lady **GODIVA**

Died c1086

Reputedly took to her horse here
for her naked ride into the town of
Coventry in defiance of taxes levied
on the citizens

Wykin

Edward **WIGHTMAN** 1580–1612

Of Wykin Hall

Religious heretic burned at the stake
in Litchfield marketplace

Upcoming heritage events links

See [Burbage Heritage Group](#) for their meetings in 2026.

See [Carlton News](#) for upcoming events in Carlton parish during the summer of 2026

See [Desford Heritage](#) for upcoming events in Desford during the remainder of 2026

See [Hinckley & District Museum](#) for details of events and displays throughout the season.

See the [Market Bosworth Society](#) website for forthcoming lectures, meeting and field visits arranged by the Society

The national initiative Heritage Open Days takes place over 11-20 September 2026. Use the Heritage Open Days [website](#) to see what events are happening and the heritage sites that are open near you

For Council events during the summer and autumn please view the Council's [local events calendar](#)

If you wish to advertise a heritage event in your area, then please let us know!

