

Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter – 16th January 2023

Talks Programme - The groups 2023 talks programme gets underway at the Quorn Church Room on Thursday 26th of January at 7pm with 'Don't Jump!' Approaching the 90th anniversary of the fatal train crash at Loughborough (LNER), Quorn resident and present day GCR signalman Alan Godber describes what happened and how his research uncovered the consequences for two families. This promises to be a very interesting evening. £2 members and £4 guests which includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

The Events Programme (Jan to Jul) may be viewed or downloaded from the website or can be picked up at the library.

www.quorndon.com/localhistory/docs/programme2023.pdf

Your Annual Subscription – It's now time for you to renew your membership. The Annual subscriptions (still £10) are now due for 2023 (except for those members who joined after 1st October). You can pay by BACS - Quorn Local History Group - Sort Code: 40-30-24 - Account: 84007689 (state your name and 'renewal') OR at the January meeting.

Coronation - As we move into this Coronation year the group are asking if you or your families have any photographs or memorabilia, particularly the souvenir mug (or photo of) that was given to all the Quorn children to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in 1953. If you can help, email quornlhg@gmail.com

Heritage Boards Christmas Quiz - Congratulations go to our Heritage Board Quiz winners, Alison who won the £50 and Oscar the £25 voucher. Thank you to everyone who took part.

The National Burial Grounds Survey - A national project is under way to digitally map every grave in the Church of England's 19,000 graveyards. Researchers will visit the sites wearing hi-tech backpacks each containing two laser scanners, five cameras, and GPS tracking sensors. It is hoped that the seven-year project will benefit ancestry researchers, organisations like Historic England and anyone wanting to find out where their relatives were laid to rest. The Church of England, with support from Historic England and other partners, including Caring for Gods Acre, has created a digital map and database of all burial grounds in England, which will be accessible through the Church Heritage Record website from the middle of 2023.

What's going on at Quorn Village On-line Museum - It has been a busy few weeks for Quorn Village On-line Museum, perhaps people enjoyed getting back to their family and local history after the business of Christmas! www.quornmuseum.com

The most significant addition has been the publication of a transcription of the 1939 index for Quorn, which was used to produce identity cards and ration books. We owe thanks to Philip Thornborow for hours and hours of painstaking work, which puts Quorn in a ground-breaking position of being able to provide this information for free. It is great to either browse or search specifically. See www.quornmuseum.com/display.php?id=2516

Another member Steven Bennett has also been beavering away and we have added a transcription of an 1841 poll book. More trade directory transcriptions are also on their way soon.

Check out other additions, some from Dennis Marchant, one of which is a super article about how Quorn did a great deal for its parishioners in the 1890s, to acquire the first piped water supply for Quorn at a bargain price! See www.quornmuseum.com/new.php

Emails have been coming in, including interesting queries from descendants of Tom Firr, the famous Quorn Huntsman and descendants of the Hyde family who live on Meeting Street and have four very large memorial plaques in the Nave of Quorn Church.

Annual General Meeting – the AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday 13th February at the Blacksmiths Arms.

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