

Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter – 20th May 2023

Talks Programme - Our next talk '**Greetings from Belgrave**' will be on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7pm. At the Quorn Church Room, LE12 8DP. We are very pleased to welcome Sandra Moore who brings us 'Greetings from Belgrave'. For many years Belgrave was a typical English village, just 7 miles down the road from Quorn. It looked after its own people, fed them, watered them, and provided work. But everything changed during the 19th century. The Industrial Revolution arrived! People started moving from the rural areas into the larger villages and towns, wanting to work in the new factories that were springing up all over the country. Belgrave is now a suburb of Leicester, and today hosts the National Space Museum. Come along to find out about its history and how it developed from the era of the Domesday Book. Members £2 Guests £4.

Just a reminder – there's no need to book to attend our talks and meetings. Just turn up!

The April talk by Mark Temple about Mountsorrel Quarry, its development and subsequent relationship with the railway was extremely interesting. It was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

If you, or someone you know, would like to give a talk on a local history or a topic of general interest we would be delighted to hear from you, simply email quornlhg@gmail.com

Programme July - December 2023.

Our programme of events for the second half of the year will soon be available. As usual, there will be interesting talks to look forward to from The Plight of Leicestershire Framework Knitters to the Vikings in Leicestershire and exciting times with the medieval Trumgar the Spear! However, we will start off in July with the much more peaceful history of Quorn Cricket Club - no less interesting.

QLHG - Award News Delayed!

The QLHG were encouraged to enter the Old School heritage boards for an award with the Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Forum. The results and awards ceremony were due to take place on 27th April but was cancelled at the last moment. It transpired that there had been problems with judging. We wait with bated breath to see what happens next!

Quorn Village Online Museum

There have been a few items added to the museum this month, although work continues behind the scenes. We have added Wright's Directory for 1898, with thanks to member Gillian Ackers for transcribing it; some cutlery from the Bulls Head (now the Quorndon Fox) dating back to 1938/39 and a rather sad press report from 1903, where a child from Freehold Street died in the River Soar.

Grants available now for Quorn Local History

We are pleased to announce that Quorn Local History Group is offering grants from £50 up to £1,000 to support projects about Quorn's history. Such projects may be research adding to the understanding of Quorn's history and heritage, recording,

interpreting, or involving people in our history and heritage through exhibitions, events, or other activities. The research must aim to tell us more about the history and heritage of the village but could cover a wider area provided it is applicable to Quorn. The criterion for applications is below. Please apply to quornlhg@gmail.com

Criteria for accessing the QLHG project funding 2023.

1. Appropriate Project Purposes

- a. To undertake a piece of research that will add to our understanding of Quorn's history.
- b. To preserve/record Quorn's history.
- c. To involve more people in Quorn's local history, eg exhibitions, events, walks, talks etc

2. Who can apply?

- a. This fund can be accessed by any group, resident or former resident of Quorn or the surrounding area with an interest in local history who wishes to research a historical subject relevant to Quorn.
- b. There is no minimum age for participants so those in full-time education will be considered.

3. Requirements

- a. The research must aim to tell us more about the history of the village but could cover a wider area provided the research is applicable to Quorn.
- b. The research must be undertaken from reliable sources, and where appropriate show where the information has come from.

4. How to Apply

- a. In writing to quornlhg@gmail.com to include:
- b. Applicant details.
- c. Type of project, eg research, event etc.
- d. Detailed subject matter.
- e. Project aims, scope and timescale.
- f. Amount of grant required, with breakdown of estimated costs.

5. Assessment criteria

- a. Does the project meet one of more of the project purposes?
- b. Does the applicant meet the criteria above?
- c. Does the project duplicate other work?
- d. General assessment of the value of the project.
- e. Is the amount reasonable?

6. What can the funding be used for?

It can be used to cover any legitimate costs which are necessary to undertake the research/project. For example: travelling expenses, materials, entry to historical places and buildings, paper resources, copying primary sources, room hire. The project funding will initially be for one year but extended if thought necessary by application to the QLHG committee.

7. Project Results

- a. Research type projects will need to be presented to the QLHG committee in the first instance but then be assessable for the residents of Quorn through inclusion on Quorn Village On-line Museum (www.quornmuseum.com).
- b. The research could be presented in any medium appropriate for inclusion in the on-line museum a written report, a video, an audio presentation or photographs.

