

## Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Talks Programme** - Our Next Talk will be on Thursday 29th June 2023 at 7pm when Adam Berry brings us, 'A History of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.' Learn about what made the 505th so important, and why the village of Quorn's association with the Regiment is something for which it should be very proud. This talk will cover the Regiment's history before, during, and after its time based in Quorn during WWII.

Our programme of events for the second half of the year has had to be amended as sadly Phil Child, our speaker, has passed away. Our condolences go to Sue and the family. Dennis Marchant has stepped up to take on the July meeting to take us on a journey around Quorn's 'Locally Listed' buildings. Come and be surprised by the buildings that make a positive contribution to the local character, sense of place and heritage of the village.

Our programme aims to bring a variety of monthly talks that will be of interest to members and guests. To this end, we are always looking for feedback and also, for members and local people to present talks. We will help and provide support all the way. So, if you would like to do this or have any questions, just contact Dennis or email [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com).

### **Quorn Village On-line Museum**

Another bunch of interesting and diverse artefacts have been added to Quorn Village On-line Museum this last month. These include a transcription of people entitled to vote in Quorn in 1798 (thank you to member Steven Bennett), floods on Soar Road (courtesy of Geoffrey Smith) and a couple of excellent articles by Dennis Marchant about Lord Lonsdale and the day the avenue of lime trees in Stafford Orchard was dedicated to the fallen American Paratroopers in 1952- take a look.

### **Library Display - Quorn Meat Substitute - A link to our village or not?**

If you haven't visited the 'Quorn' display in the Community Library already then there is still time (just!). It is open during normal library opening hours and will be replaced on 5th July. This fascinating exhibit tells of the origins of the food brand and its link with the village. The research took years, and it really is well worth a visit. The display will be removed on Wednesday 5th July and the new one will be about Rawlins School.

### **Mountsorrel Heritage Group Display - 'Blast from the Past'**

A look at the history of quarrying in and around Mountsorrel. Mountsorrel Quarry has had a huge effect on Quorn and local employment. The display is in the museum in the centre of the village, right by the 127-bus stop. It is upstairs at the library and is open; Thursdays and Fridays 2:00 - 5:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am -12:30pm.

### **Lost Ways – update.**

The Government has changed its mind and has announced that it will be reinstating a deadline, now 2031. We are pleased to say that our applications have been registered with the Leicestershire County Council. Our Definitive Map Modification Orders, as they are known, are now listed on this register, with all the other outstanding claims to alter the counties Definitive Map. The process to have our routes accepted, or not, as Public Rights of Way and have the Definitive Map amended, can apparently take years! Our applications can be found on the LCC website, search for definitive map modification orders then select Charnwood then Quorndon Parish  
Case 1 = M1260: Alleged footpath From Footpath K43 to The slabs alongside disused Quorn Hall Drive to Barrow Road.

Case 2 = M1262: Alleged footpath from Loughborough Road to K35

Case 3 Select Charnwood then Loughborough = M1045: Footpath from end of Footpath K52 to the Grand Union towpath at Woodthorpe Bridge.

It has been an interesting project, firstly, after reading guidance material from various bodies such as

the Ramblers and the Countryside Commission, we learned to fill in forms, trace the landowners, whose land the proposed route went over (not an easy task) and write letters to these and everyone else that could be affected by the proposals. Secondly, to comply with the requirements we needed to provide both User Evidence and Documentary Evidence that support the submission. User Evidence - The Quorndon, social media, and public engagement stands at local events were used to encourage as many regular walkers of the routes as possible, to come forward to complete the User Evidence Forms. These have to include a map of the route walked and be completed, signed, and dated by the person. This User Evidence is very important to each case because if it can be demonstrated that the route has been walked regularly for at least 20 years (not necessarily by each individual) then this carries weight with the decision makers. We have had only a moderate response regarding completed forms. Thank you to those who have submitted forms however, more User Evidence Forms, completed by people who have walked any of the routes are still needed. If you can help, please contact any committee member or email [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com).

### **Lottery**

We are very grateful to all those who continue to support QLHG via the Charnwood Community Lottery. The support helps to keep subscriptions low, provide monthly talks, fund projects, and provide grants to local people and organisations to research Quorn's rich history and heritage - Thank you! And Good Luck!

