

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

**Talks Programme** – On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August we welcome Jess Jenkins - author of 'Honest People but Destitute. The plight of Leicestershire's Framework Knitters in the 1840s'. Jess researched the history of the local framework knitting industry whilst she worked as an archivist at Leicestershire Record Office. The talk explains the background to a local industry which had a profound impact on local society. Although initially a prosperous trade, the industry fell upon hard times by the nineteenth century. This talk tells the tale of some of those who suffered and some of those who eventually triumphed. "Honest people but destitute. The plight of Leicestershire's framework knitters" will commence at the Church Room at 7pm, just £2 for members and £4 for guests. All welcome!

**Local History Photographer of the Year** – The British Association for Local History to which QLHG belong (BALH membership number: 14550). Have announced the Local History Photographer of the Year and Young Local History Photographer of the Year competitions 2023. These are open to all with entries to be in by 11<sup>th</sup> September. This year's theme is "Up my street", where they would like to see street images in your area, with a context of local history. These could include a street view, a building, some street furniture or a little detail on a wall or the pavement. Successful entries will include a short caption or narrative up to 200 words. They would love to see a few words about "why" the image subject means something to you, whether that is a local connection, family history or a place you are simply drawn to. However, as a minimum, the judges will be looking for details of the location and subject and for your entry to be supporting the theme "Up My Street". Full details are on the BALH website: <https://www.balh.org.uk/resources-local-history-photographer-of-the-year>

**H.M.S QUORN ships bell** - Originating in the Royal Navy, it is a custom to baptise a child under the ship's bell; sometimes the bell is used as a christening bowl, filled with water for the ceremony. Once the baptism is completed, the child's name may be inscribed inside the bell. With the permission of the Parish Manager, custodian of the HMS QUORN bell and loaned to the village following the ships decommissioning in 2017, the bell was checked to see if it had inscriptions inside. Low and

behold, around the internal rim the following names and dates were found: N.J.B. Williams 2nd April 1988, T.T. Akrigg 8th July 1990, Emily May Hall 4th October 1992, Thomas Andrew Bayne 28th November 1992, A.C. Ahlgrim 15th December 1992, Harry George Bayne 18th September 1994, Joseph Henry Dainton 4th August 1996, Alice Buckner 23rd July 1999, Ella Morag Stewart 5th September 1999. Also inscribed are the Bell manufacturers name, Lea & Utley and number 130 along with the British Government 'Broad Arrow' mark. If one of the names, is you, or if you know the person. We would love to hear from you....

**D-Day 2024 Commemoration** - In June next year we will be commemorating 80 years since the D-Day Normandy Landings. Quorn is closely linked to D-Day with local residents having been involved in the fighting, ATS Beaumanor operators billeted in the village, the 505th PIR being stationed here, the sinking of HMS Quorn, etc.. If you have any stories or information about family, relatives or friends involved, in any way, we would love to hear from you. Photos, information, tales, etc. all very welcome.... simply, Facebook message us, email [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com) or use the Drop Box in the Library.

**Its holiday time!** - Wondering what to do in Quorn during the holidays? Why not take one of the village walks or trails. These range from 1 to 9 km and take in places of interest and refreshment stops. The guides are FREE and can be viewed or downloaded at: <http://www.quorndon.com/walking/> or for the Sculpture Trail at: [http://www.quorndon.com/sculpture trail/](http://www.quorndon.com/sculpture%20trail/). Also, you can visit the new 'Quorn Rawlins School' display in the Community Library or the 'History of Quorn' exhibition in the Old School community room.

**Keeping in touch** – Remember, you can keep in touch with the group on social media. Our Facebook Page, Instagram account, twitter and YouTube sites are kept up to date, but we are always looking for your input so, remember you can send items to [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com) for posting. For news and membership info check out the website at: <http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/>

