

Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter – 18th September 2023 - issue 2.



Can you help? - We have been approached by a resident who is seeking historical information for 17 Station Road (pictured). It is reputed to be oldest house in Quorn. We know that it was a sweet shop in 1939 run by Mrs Clara Kettle and was still popular with the children at St Barts School in the 1960's. If you know anything more of its history, we would love to hear from you.....quornlhg@gmail.com

Talks Programme – On Thursday 28th of September we welcome Peter Liddle who will present “The Vikings in Leicestershire”. Vikings first appear as raiders in England in the late 8th century and in 865AD the Viking Great Army begins an attempt to conquer England. We are now starting to see the archaeological evidence for Vikings in the East Midlands to go alongside the place name evidence. Peter is a retired Museum curator and archaeologist whose main interest is in Leicestershire Archaeology. He joined Leicestershire Museums in 1976 as an Archaeological Survey Officer and went on to become Keeper of Archaeology and then Community Archaeologist for the County. He was also an Associate Lecturer at Leicester University. Retiring in 2012 Peter is now Chair of Leicestershire Fieldworkers a voluntary group of some 400 members organising fieldwork in Leicestershire and Rutland. The talk will commence at the Church Room at 7pm, just £2 for members and £4 for guests. Refreshments included - All welcome!

Framework Knitters Museum – a visit to the museum at Ruddington is being organised for members on Wednesday 18th October 2023 between 11am and 1pm. Cost is £9 per person and own transport required. If you are interested, please message Dennis at quornlhg@gmail.com or 07484104114 ASAP. Places are limited and monies required no later than Thursday 28th September.

Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Awards 2023 - QLHG have been nominated in two categories at the Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Awards 2023 and are up for the Best Project Over £1,000 - entering the Heritage Board Display in the Old School AND Heritage Group of The Year. The awards night is Thursday October 5th at the Century Theatre in Coalville.

D-Day 2024 Commemoration – Just a reminder that 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 or use the Drop Box in the Library.

British Association for Local History (BALH) and Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Forum (LRHF) - a reminder that the group are members of both BALH and LRHF and as members of QLHG we are entitled to the benefits on offer. Both of the BALH publications, 'The Local Historian' and 'Local History News' are available for reference in the Quorn Community Library Local History area. Check them out at: www.balh.org.uk and www.lrhf.co.uk



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Quorn Village On-line Museum – www.quornmuseum.com the museum has had a rather lazy summer due to Sue Templeman being busy and on holiday. Some interesting items have been added though including more information about Quorn Lodge Farm and the HMS Quorn bell.

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 for posting. For news and membership info check out the website at: <http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/>

