

Quorn Local History Group News – 13 January 2022

Happy New Year!

The group are pleased to be welcoming back the curator of the Carillon Museum Mel Gould for our next talk at Quorns St Bartholomew's Church at 7pm on Monday 24 January. Mel will be taking us back to the night of 31st January 1916 when four bombs were dropped on Loughborough by a German Zeppelin airship heading for Liverpool. Sadly, ten people were killed in the raid and twelve were injured. The Zeppelin passed near Quorn and the next day the school logbook records 'What a day! Zeppelin Raid over the district last night and this morning the children are in a highly nervous condition and no wonder after the terrifying explosion which was so near to us.' This really is a talk not to be missed so hope to see you there – all welcome! Guests £4 and Members £2

A reminder that the 'Quorn as a Tourist Destination' display is still available to view in the Community Library during the library opening hours - why not pop in and take a look.

Also, we are preparing to contribute to the village Jubilee Year commemorations and would love to receive copies of any previous village jubilee celebration memorabilia that you may have stashed away. Memories, photos, and artefacts are all welcome and will be copied and returned. If you can help, simply email quornlhg@gmail.com or use the drop box in the library - thank you!

The group's annual reports were approved at the AGM held on 20th December and the existing committee were elected and a new member Mr Jack was co-opted and welcomed.

The groups 3rd January Facebook page post and picture of the five troopers in Quorn in 1944 was liked by over a dozen people and it brought some interesting comments including this one from Patrick Holland who is asking for assistance from members:

Patrick told us that his uncle Orrin Cox was with the 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment. He believes he was one of the first of the 505's to marry a local girl. He was with the Headquarters Company First Battalion and asks if any members may have photographs from this unit.

If you can help Patrick, please contact quornlhg@gmail.com.

Also, Les Heath told us that his wife is the biological daughter of one of the soldiers in the picture.

Member Dennis Marchant has an unusual request and wonders if anyone has a copy of the 'Book of Hymns and Prayers for Schools' that was used by Leicestershire County and City Schools from the mid 1930's until the 1960's. If you can help, please contact Dennis on 01509 620 295.

More information on membership can be found at:

<http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/>