

## Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023



### **Our Next Talk: Thursday 30th March 2023, 7pm**

**Reminder: This is at the Church Rooms, LE12 8DP.**

Our last talk was 'A Potted History of Infectious Disease' delivered by microbiologist Shaun Livsey. It is fair to say we were all riveted and lots of questions were asked as we went along.

Our next talk is '**The Gartshore Family - The good, the bad and the tragic, a social story of Quorn**'. David Kirkby (whose mother was a Gartshore) brings us an interesting insight into this local Quorn family. We hope you can make it and are enjoying our new venue with the more comfortable seats! Members £2, Guests £4.

Our full programme for January - July 2023 can be viewed or downloaded from our website ([www.quorndon.com/localhistory/docs/programme2023.pdf](http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/docs/programme2023.pdf)), or can be picked up at the Library.

### **Don Wix**

We are sad to report the death of one of our two honorary members, Don Wix aged 94. Don lived on Warwick Avenue and during his working life was a teacher at Garendon High School in Loughborough. However in Quorn, Don will probably be remembered most for his huge contribution to local history and in particular the local history of Quorn. He was responsible for the publication of 'Bygone Quorn in Photographs' in 1984, which remains the most comprehensive book about the history of our village. He also wrote many other books in collaboration with his great friend Ian Keil, from Loughborough University, including 'Rawlins The First Three Hundred Years' and many books about Loughborough and the Charnwood area. Coming up to the millennium in 1999, Don was determined that Quorn should mark the occasion in a fitting way and he was instrumental in the creation of Quorn's 'Millennium Map' which stands on Quorn Cross today. Don will be sadly missed.

The funeral will be held on Thursday 23rd March at 10.15am at Loughborough Crematorium and there will be refreshments in Loughborough afterwards.

### **New display in Quorn Community Library - 'Quorn Vegetarian Protein!'**

QLHG has put up a new display in Quorn Community Library. Have you ever wondered if the modern Quorn Vegetarian Protein has a connection with our village? Trace the history of the first products sold under the Quorn name, from their origins over one hundred years ago. Not to be missed!

### **Teas etc**

We really appreciated the extra help with teas and chairs at the last meeting. It made a huge difference. Thank you!

### **Last Call for 2023 Subscriptions**

Many thanks to everyone who has continued their support for the Group and renewed their subscription for 2023. If you have not yet paid, a renewal form is attached. You can pay your sub (still only £10) at our next meeting (above), by post, or direct by BACS. To do the latter note the following information:

Account: 'Quorn Local History Group'  
Account Number: 84007689  
Sort Code: 40-30-24

Please make sure your name is clearly given on the transfer.

If you do not intend to renew, it would be much appreciated if you could nevertheless inform the Membership Secretary (Ann Brown). Note: this will be the last newsletter sent to those who have not renewed.