

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

**Talks Programme** – Our next talk will be on Thursday 27th July at 7pm when Dennis Marchant, who has stepped in at short notice, will take us on ‘A journey around Quorn’s locally listed buildings’. These lesser-known Quorn heritage assets are an eclectic but interesting mix. Come and be surprised not only by the architectural citations but hear stories of Sewage, Film Stars, Thefts, Lords of the Manor and more!

**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_trail/). 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.

**Round the Bend** - In the September 2022 Newsletter, Dennis pondered the question of the Poulteney Brooks sudden change of direction near to One Ash and, wondered if anyone could help or had knowledge of the reason for this change of flow. Purely by accident, he recently came across a newspaper report from 1900 of a High Court Action at Quorn between Mrs. Perry Herrick of Beaumanor Hall and the Quorn Town Land Trustees over disputed water rights. It was claimed that the Quorn Town Land Trustees had wrongly diverted the Poulteney or Beaumanor brook into the Quorn brook thereby, depriving her lands of water. Mrs Hericks lawyer stated that: “A long time ago, probably 150 years, the course of the brook was altered so as to flow into the Quorn brook”. This means the brook was diverted in 1750.

**19th century - Joseph Adams & Ann Sykes: Where did they live?** - Sharon Kirby has contacted us to ask if any members can help. Joseph Adams and Ann Sykes, her relatives, were married at St Bartholomew’s Church on 27th May 1799. Sharon wonders where in Quorn they may have lived. If you are able to help, email us at [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com)

**Quorn Village On-line Museum** - It has been another interesting month for Quorn Village Online Museum. Dennis Marchant has been busy researching and three of his articles have been published on the museum website. These include: 'Hugh Cecil Lowther, 5th Earl of Lonsdale, Master of the Quorn Hunt, 1893-1898', 'Tragedy at a Quorn bus stop, 1966' and 'Stafford Orchard Park, Quorn -

Over 100 years as a recreation ground.’ In addition, three super pictures have come to light: all very different and interesting in their own way:

- A 1965 whole school photograph of Rawlin School - can you help with any names?
- A picture entitled 'In Buddon Wood, Quorndon' by W E Cooke from the 1890s. Sadly all lost now, destroyed by the quarry.
- A rare picture of John Davys Cradock 1845 - 1921 who lived at Quorn Court. This may not sound very exciting, but J.D. Cradock was hugely influential in the village and Sue Templeman was thrilled to find a decent picture of him at last!

Check these out at: [www.quornmuseum.com/new.php](http://www.quornmuseum.com/new.php)

**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/>

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

We mentioned this in the last newsletter, but well worth a visit. A look at the history of quarrying in and around Mountsorrel. Mountsorrel Quarry had (a still has!) a huge effect on Quorn and many Quorn men worked there. These days 90% of Mountsorrel Quarry is in Quorn. The display is in the museum in the centre of Mountsorrel village, it is upstairs at the library and is open; Thursdays and Fridays 2:00 - 5:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am -12:30pm.

