



Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter

14th November 2023

We heard this month of the sad news that member Arthur Plater passed away. Arthur stepped up to present a talk 'Herbert Morris Cranes, My Whole Working Life' last year. Our thoughts are with his family.

Talks Programme – We close this year's successful talk season on Thursday November 30th with a visit from Trumgar the Spear. Taking us back to a time long forgotten with 'Medieval Village Life'. As usual the venue is the Church Room and talks start at 7pm, just £2 for members and under 16's, £4 for guests with no need to book. Refreshments included - All are welcome! The 2024 Programme is now available to view on the QLHG website.

Christmas is coming - Looking for a present for family, friends or even yourself..... Then why not join us - we are a friendly local group. For just £10 a year (under 16's free) you would be joining other members who enjoy the monthly meetings, talks programme, visits, project work or simply like to know that you are supporting the local history and heritage. Membership Gift Vouchers for family or friends are available now, just contact quornlhg@gmail.com They make ideal Christmas presents and new members are always welcome. If, you are interested in joining, more information is available on the website www.quorndon.com/localhistory/

Can you help? - We have some requests for help this month.

1. Does anyone have photos of the survivors of the sinking of HMS QUORN attending a service of commemoration at St Bartholomew's Church in 1994 (There were some published in the Loughborough Echo at the time but those available online are of a poor quality).
2. A local aviation historian asked for any information on a Swordfish aircraft that suffered an engine failure over Quorn before putting down in Mountsorrel in 1944. It was flown by a South African ferry pilot who survived. Also, any info on an aircraft that crash in WW2 near Moorfields Farm of Barrow Road.
3. A correspondent is asking for information about the 1872 sale of Lord Stamford's Stud. Of particular interest in the story is of an emissary from Vienna that wanted one of Stamford's stallions, but he did not want to wait for the auction. So he persuaded a Thomas Gee to buy the lot, and then sell him the stallion. Gee then went on to do very well with a stud full of mares!

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My main interest is in Thomas Gee because of his relationship with Karl Pearson the famous mathematician.

If you can help with any of these requests please get in touch by message or email: quornlhg@gmail.com Thank you.

Commemorating 80 years since D-Day - Just a reminder and request for your input. In June next year we will be commemorating 80 years since the D-Day Normandy Landings. Quorn is closely linked to D-Day with many local residents involved on the home front and in the fighting, ATS Beaumanor operators billeted in the village, the 505th PIR being stationed here, the sinking of HMS Quorn. If you have any stories or information about family or relatives involved, in any way, we would love to hear from you. Photos, stories, information, etc. all very welcome, simply, use the 'Drop Box' in the library, message us or email quornlhg@gmail.com

Framework Knitters Museum – a visit to the museum at Ruddington was organised for members and we had an informative and enjoyable morning.



Village Online Museum – There have been more artefacts added this month. Find out what's new at: www.quornmuseum.com



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