



## Quorn Local History Group - Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Meetings** – For our 28<sup>th</sup> March talk we welcome back Mark Temple with his tales of the ‘Lost Windmills of Leicestershire’ (in support of Hough Windmill, Swannington). Mark will be looking at a variety of the county’s Windmills.

Then our own Sue Templeman, will be with us on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, bringing us a selection of her favourite ‘Quorn Maps, plans, and aerial views’ that provide a fascinating record of Local History.

All meetings are held at the Church Room - Pay on the door: Members £2 under 18’s £1.00 - Guests £4.00. Refreshments included.

**Membership Renewal** – Just a reminder that the annual membership renewal is now due. You can renew online using BACs to Quorn Local History Group, sort code 40-30-24, account no. 84007689, stating your name as the reference or by sending a cheque by post, payable to Quorn Local History Group or by cash/cheque on the meeting night. Full details are on the website; [www.quorndon.com/localhistory/](http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/)

**Group Visits** – The recent visit to Quorn Hall was very well attended and we thank Marie Shaw for her assistance in guiding us around the Hall, school, and grounds. The feedback was positive.

A proposed walking tour around Melton Mowbray is being offered. Exact times/days/dates will depend on the take up. We are promised a discovery of the towns history and to find out more about its rich heritage and famous characters. The walk last for about 2 hours. If this is something that would be of interest to you, please let Dennis know. Email [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com)

### Where Is It?

Do you remember the missing portrait similar to the one shown below. Those of you who attended last month's talk by Matthew Farnham about the history of his family, may remember him mentioning a missing picture of his great, great uncle, George Francis Farnham. It once hung in Rawlins School. Matthew has been trying to track down the Rawlins copy for years and now our member Do you remember seeing this portrait anywhere in Rawlins? If you do, please contact Sue or [quornlhg@gmail.com](mailto:quornlhg@gmail.com)

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day** – One year ago a group of village volunteers came together to coordinate a series of appropriate commemorations to ensure that Quorn plays its part in commemorating this national event. The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion, the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation. On the evening of the 5th June 1944 up to 1,500 aircraft with gliders flew 13,000 soldiers from the British and American paratroopers, air landing infantry and support units to Normandy. By the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah, and Omaha beaches to achieve a toehold in France. Quorn has particular connections with D-Day, the US 82nd Airborne's 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, HMS Quorn, the ATS, the RNAS nearby Beaumanor Hall and of course the many local people who took part and contributed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th March, 6pm at the Village Hall – Community Room. If you would like to contribute by volunteering, please come along. All are welcome. Contact the Parish Office or phone 01509620295 or Email: [quorn65000@gmail.com](mailto:quorn65000@gmail.com) See the programme below. The group will be participating with a library exhibition and a special talk on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from Patrick Geary and titled D Day Allied Air Power.

**The Village Museum** – The Quorn Village On-line Museum can be viewed at [www.quornmuseum.com](http://www.quornmuseum.com) Do keep an eye out for new items as these are being added all the time - twelve so far this year!

**QLHG Facebook** – remains active, continuously adding items of interest.



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# Quorn's 80th D-Day Commemorations 2024

## Diary of Events



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The Parish Council archives records that the 505th PIR were granted permission to play Baseball on the Stafford Orchard. Spam/Fish and Chips were the popular dishes at the time so, its appropriate that these are included as part of our commemorations.

**We hope that there is something for everyone!**

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**Thursday  
6 June**

**6.30pm: The Royal British Legion Service of Commemoration** - will take place at the Quorn War Memorial. All are welcome to come and show their respect to those who took part and to those that did not return.

**No admission charges.  
Organiser: Quorn Royal British Legion**



**Thursday,  
Friday &  
Saturday  
6, 7 & 8  
June**

**7pm: 'Sing You Home'** - D-Day 'Sing You Home' show at the Village Hall. Tickets available from Eventbrite and the Old School Café.

**Organiser: New Quorndon Shakespeare Company  
Ticket price £10  
www.nqsc.co.uk**



**Saturday  
8 June**

**Commencing 10.30am**  
Commemorative Baseball match and family picnic will take place on Stafford Orchard. All welcome to spectate or take part.

**10.30am: Children's baseball  
12 noon: Adult's baseball**

Music provided by the Quorn Ukulele Orchestra at 11.30am - 12 noon and during and after the game.

Traditional children's games - including sack races and egg and spoon will follow the game.



**Saturday  
8 June**

Bring your own picnic or purchase fish and chips, spam and chips in the traditional way; also tea and cakes, all available on the park.

**No admission charges.  
Organiser: Quorn D-Day 80th Commemoration Working Group**

John Dory's

**Sunday  
9 June**

**10.30am: D-Day Commemorative Church Service** - taking place at St Bartholomew's United Church.

**All are welcome to attend.  
Organiser: St Bartholomew's United Church**



**Thursday  
27 June**

**7pm: D-Day Allied Air Power**  
A talk at the Church Room, discussing the part played by aviation on and around D-Day. The talk will be presented by Patrick Geary a local aviation historian.

**A small charge will apply.  
Organiser: Quorn Local History Group**



**Look out for the poster trail of those who served, to view in the village shops and businesses.**

**Visit the Quorn Community Library to see the Quorn Local History Group D-Day display.**

