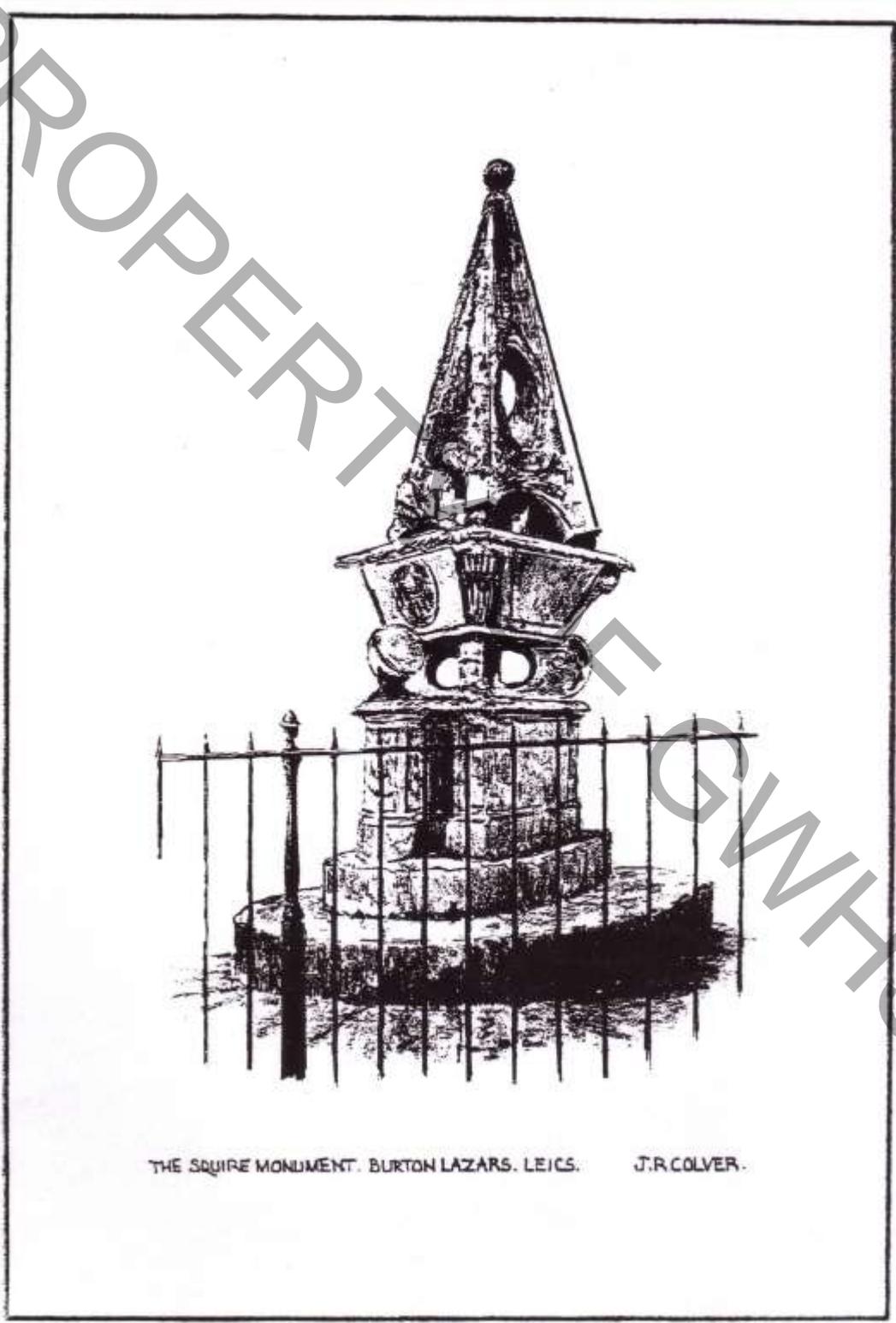




Greater Wigston Historical Society
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BULLETIN 51



THE SQUIRE MONUMENT. BURTON LAZARS. LEICS. J.R. COLVER.



PETER CHARLES MASTIN 1947-1998

It is with the greatest sadness that we report the very sudden death of Peter Mastin on 23rd May from a heart attack.

Peter was born 16/2/1947 & brought up in Wigston. He emigrated with his parents & brother Ian to Australia when a teenager. He married & had three children, Sharon, Richard & Susan. When the family were grown up he felt the need to return to England & lived in Anstey Heights before moving to Wigston. He worked for Jessops the photographers. He joined the Society in 1989 & later became a member of the committee. Always active & involved, he was cheerful, helpful, unassuming & kind, whether offering a lift, operating the slide projector at meetings or directing members to the car park when we moved to the new venue.

He will long be remembered for the many photographs he took of the area, both copies of old originals & modern scenes for 'then & now' displays. And for the beautifully designed exhibitions he organised with Stuart Follows in the Methodist Church, South Wigston & with Duncan Lucas at the U.K. Church in Wigston. He was author of "South Wigston-The early years 1883-1913" & "South wigston-Between the wars 1914-1945," & jointly with Duncan & Tricia, of "Wigston Magna & South." A major book on railways was in course of preparation.

He was a member of the Mary Webb Appreciation Society & a 'Friend' of the F.W.K. Museum. He had recently become a Trustee of the Oadby & Wigston Buildings Preservation Trust, & was one of those involved in the huge job of moving the Folk Museum into storage. Our thoughts are with his family, including his Uncle & Aunt C.Clr. Alan & Brenda Kind & his good friend, Society member Shirley Stewart.

The picture taken in happier times shows Peter dressed in 17th Century costume at a Civil War Commemoration Event in the Memorial Park in 1995.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS - JUNE 1998 TO FEBRUARY 1999

Wednesday 17th June 1998

Visit to Beaumanor Hall with Caroline Wessel, follow-up to the March talk. Tea & biscuits will be served. Please note there is an entrance charge as well as the coach to pay for this trip. Coach now at 6.30p.m. from Paddock Street Car Park.

Wednesday 19th August 1998

Visit to All Saints' Church with Rev. Green.
Meet 7.32p.m. outside the church. (The church will be in use until 7.30p.m.)

Wednesday 16th September 1998

'Working in a Department Store during the War'¹ - Mrs. Carton.
7.30p.m. U.K. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

Wednesday 21st October 1998

'The Chesterfield Canal' - Richard Harrison.
7.30p.m. U.R. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

Wednesday 18th November 1998

'The Demon Drink'¹ - Cynthia Brown.
7.30p.m. U.R. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

Wednesday 16th December 1998

Christmas Party with quiz etc.
7.30p.m. U.R. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

Wednesday 20th January 1999

'The late Dennis Taylor's slides of Wigston in 1960/70's'- Peter Clowes.
7.30p.m. U.R. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

Wednesday 17th February 1999

A.G.M. followed by 'The Conquest of CB 11' - Colin Knowles & Chris Smart.
7.30p.m. U.R. Church Boys' Brigade Rooms.

EXTRA MEETINGS

Wednesday 15th July a visit to the home of Olwen Hughes who will give a talk on the woodcarver, Thomas Birch, followed by supper. Meet 7.00p.m. Paddock Street Car Park to share transport. Numbers are limited. Please telephone Doris (2881978) to reserve a place.

Wednesday 2nd September 1998 a visit to the F.W.K. Museum with Jim Colver. Conducted tour & showing of videos with local interest. £1 entrance which is refundable if you wish to join the 'Friends Group'. Meet now at 7.00p.m. at the Museum in Bushloe End.

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The Bulletin is published three times a year on 1st February, June & October. Articles etc. (which are always welcome) should be submitted to either of the Joint Editors three clear weeks before the publication date please.

Joint Editors: Mrs. Chris Smart, 197 Queens Road, Leicester.
Mrs. Tricia Berry, 7 Wensleydale Road, Wigston.

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Annual General Meeting
Thursday 19th February 1998

1. Apologies were received from Pat and Edward Connelly.
2. Doris read the minutes of the 1997 AGM, there were no matters arising so they were signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

S.Brian Bilson presented the treasurer's report.

It had been a successful year financially. The increase in cash in hand was due to a handsome legacy of £250 from Ralph Wignall. There will be no increase in subscriptions.

Colin Towell asked if there are any plans for the legacy. Some suggestions were made e.g. a publishing fund, small research grant. If any one has any other suggestions please forward them to a committee member.

There was some discussion about donations to other organisations. The Wigston Folk Museum has been closed down. Ken Roe proposed a donation of £100 to the Framework Knitters' Museum, this was seconded by Tony Lawcarce and carried.

Chairman's report

Edna presented her 10th report as Chairman of the Society. She reported an increase in numbers. It has been a busy year with successful and enjoyable lectures and visits.

We were reminded that Wednesday March 18th will be our first meeting at the United Reform Church Boys' Brigade rooms in Long Street. There is parking available.

There is also a July visit this year and once again it will be to Olwen Hughes' home in St. Johns Road, Leicester. We shall be given a tour of the house, see the woodcarvings of Thomas Birch and enjoy a light snack. Cost will be £4.50, please book with Doris, if you have not already done so, as numbers are limited.

5. Election of officers

All officers were elected unopposed.

6. AOB

a. Tony Lawcarce told the meeting that there will be a Heritage Exhibition for 2 weeks at the United Reform Church, 20th March - 2nd April.

b. Colin Towell gave a vote of thanks to the Committee.

c. Stella announced that membership now stands at 92. five members were lost as a result of the change of day.

d. Ideas for the millennium celebrations? Please tell the committee.

e. Ken Roe mentioned the building work at the east end of Bell Street. There is possible archaeological interest because of the old Quaker burial ground.

The second part of the meeting was a talk by Stella Tweed on Firewatching during the War and Bushloe House.

Members may remember the visit to Bushloe House last summer.

In her youth Stella had worked at the old Council offices on the corner of Station Road and Pullman Road. This house became the Police Station after the Council had moved up the road.

Bushloe House had been built in 1850 by Stephen Fry for his own use. In 1866 it was bought by Hiram Abiff Owston. He installed a library and a billiard room and furnished 11 bedrooms.

Christopher Dresser came from London to design the furniture and wall friezes of zig-zags and sunflowers. In 1867 Owston married, later he landscaped the grounds and installed greenhouses.

In 1942 the house was vacated, the furniture auctioned off (some pieces are reputed to be in the Victoria and Albert Museum) and a cheque for £1500 changed hands and the Council moved in.

The House was altered to suit the Council's requirements. Stella continued to work there. During the War one of her duties was firewatching.

It was during one of nights on firewatching duty that she had a strange experience. One evening ..., a door that swung open..., a ghost..., a coachman ..., lots of unanswered questions ...

On our visit there last year many members did not hear Bill Boulter's story at the end of the visit.

How when working there alone one evening he heard the sound of children's voices echoing in the empty rooms.

MARCH MEETING

This meeting was memorable for several reasons, firstly a record attendance, there must have been about 70 members present. Secondly it was our first occasion at the new venue in Long Street & thirdly a really interesting speaker whose impressive knowledge & obvious enthusiasm for her subject was quickly transferred to the audience.

Caroline Wessel's talk on Beaumanor Hall & the Herricks outlined the history of the family, some of whom became well known national figures such as the Rev. Robert Herrick the poet (1591-1674), & William (later Sir William) Herrick (1557-1653) who became a successful London goldsmith. The Herrick association with Beaumanor dates from 1595 when the above William purchased the estate where "an annicente mediaeval house" already stood. This was extensively renovated & served until a later generation built a replacement Georgian house in 1726.

The present house was built in 1848 by William Perry Herrick(1794-1876) . He was the son of Thomas & Mary Herrick of Leicester, & had two brothers & two sisters. He was educated at Rugby & Oxford & then studied law at Grey's Inn, London. He became a J.P. High Sheriff & Deputy Lieutenant of the county. He had inherited the estate from an uncle & though a middle aged bachelor spared no expense in the construction & decoration of his new house, the original estimate of £9,723 increasing to an eventual staggering £37,000! It was designed in the Jacobean style by a famous London architect Railton who was also responsible for Nelson's Column. Of particular note is the huge stained glass window by William Warrington in the hall which measures 15" x 25'. It is divided into three rows of seven panels, thus 21 sections featuring the heraldry of his ancestors. The top row is of 'noble'¹ ancestors of the Herrick family, the middle row contains the arms of the seven ladies who married into the family & became William's direct ancestors. In the centre of the bottom row is William Perry Herrick's own coat of arms with on either side those representing the Gages (his grandmother's family). William was helped with the family research by his friend John Gough Nichols who was a grandson of John Nichols (1745-1826) the author of the huge eight volume 'History of Leicestershire' (1790-1810).

Caroline explained a little of the language & meaning of Heraldry so it became possible to recognise some of the symbols as they repeated in various sections of the window.

William shared his new house with his sister Mary Ann until in 1862, by then aged 68, he married Sophia Christie. After his death Sophia Perry Herrick continued to live there until her death in 1915 when it passed to William Cur zon-Herrick. It was used during WW II as a signalling base & then remained empty until 1974 when it was purchased by Leics. County Council & is now used as an educational resource centre & venue for weddings & parties as well as antique fairs etc.

After a number of questions & discussion the Chairman, Edna Taylor, thanked Caroline, & also her husband who was responsible for taking & showing the excellent slides, for a most enjoyable evening. She remarked how much the knowledge gained during this evening would add to the interest of our visit to the house in June.

April meeting - The Splendours of Victorian London

On Wednesday the 15th April the Society met to see Derek Seaton's slide show of the Splendours of Victorian London. Derek accompanied each slide with information and facts and figures about each building. Most were well known, others less so and occasionally we were treated to views of their interiors not generally seen by the public. St. Pancras Station and the hotel (originally the Midland Grand Hotel) which provides its frontage, were built by Sir George Gilbert Scott for the Midland Railway Co. during the period 1868-1875. Its style is Gothic and its proportions immense and cathedral-like. Six million bricks from the Leicestershire Ibstock Brick Company were used in its construction and 100,000 bricks from Tuckers brickyard were used in its restoration. The sumptuous interior is also very impressive with a grand staircase and murals still awaiting renovation. Scott was responsible for several Leicester churches including St. Andrew Jarrom Street, St. John the Divine, St. Matthew and St. Saviour. In the shadow of St. Pancras is Kings Cross built in 1851/2 by Lewis Cubitt. The original building now hardly noticeable behind modern additions.

The Albert Hall, built 1867-1871, by Francis Fowke is an imposing building that will seat 8000 people. It has tree tiers of boxes with balconies and galleries above. To the rear of the Albert Hall is a statute of Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, it stands as a memorial to the Great Exhibition of 1851 which was his brainchild. Nearby are the Albert Hall Mansions which were the first block of flats in London.

They were built by Richard Norman Shaw, an architect famous for his development of the Arts and Crafts style. Baron Janner, Labour MP for Leicester and Sir Malcom Sargeant both had flats here.

In Whitehall is another George Gilbert Scott building, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on this occasion he chose to build in a Italianate style. It took seven years to build and occupies a five and a half acre site. The interior is rarely seen by the public. Some of the rooms were designed by Scott, other architects were responsible for others. Most impressive, with breathtaking detail, is the Durbar Court. As a contrast one of the Hyde Park lodges was considered, these were built by Decimus Burton in a neo-classical style. The imposing Gothic Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand were designed by G.E. Street, who unfortunately died before their completion. Street built many churches including St.Peter on St.Peters Road, Leicester.

The London street scene comprises various of architectural styles. In contrast to the Gothic, the London or Brompton Oratory is a high Roman Catholic church built in the Italian Baroque style. Another cathedral-like building is Alfred Waterhouse's Natural History Museum built in the Romanesque style.

The Houses of Parliament or the New Palace of Westminster replaced the old one destroyed by fire in the 1830s. Westminster Hall is all that remained after the fire. In 1834 Sir Charles Barry assisted by A.W. Pugin designed the elaborate late Gothic structure seen today. Its dimensions are astonishing, an eight acre site with eleven courtyards, 100 staircases, 1000 apartments and 2 miles of passages. The Victoria Tower was the largest and the tallest in the world at the time. The Clock Tower has become a characteristic Victorian image and a near national symbol. Other buildings were featured, including Tower Bridge, one of London's great landmarks, designed by Sir Horace Jones and built 1886-1894 and the National Portrait Gallery designed by Ewan Christian, who was responsible for St. Mark's Church in Belgrave and of the same family as Fletcher Christian of the Bounty, in the Italian Renaissance style. So our armchair tour of London ended back at St. Pancras for the train journey back to Leicester. Derek was thanked for his interesting and thoroughly researched talk.

MAY MEETING

The Society visited Lutterworth this month on a particularly warm & pleasant evening. Because of the large numbers the company was split into two groups, one looking round the museum while the other explored the church & then vice versa. Even with this arrangement it was somewhat crowded in the museum! The manager, Geoff Smith, explained this building had originally been a Mechanics Institute & had then served as a dole office & a school room before housing the Lutterworth museum which was founded upon the combined collections of two local people. He pointed out some items of particular interest. Two grandfather clocks made in the town, one by Joseph Pickering 1675-1715 & the other by the Corral family who worked from 1720 to 1867. An exact replica (made by Leicester University) of the Tripontium Milestone found at a dig on the A5. It marked a Roman Settlement & dates from 306AD, the time when Constantine brought Christianity to England. Architect & cab designer Joseph Hansom's signed plan of the proposed Town Hall dated 1835. Sparrow catching nets & information on the Sparrow Club which was founded in 1897 to tackle these pests, people being paid 3d per dozen caught. The Frank Whittle display with exhibits on the man & his development of the jet engine. The museum maintains contact with his widow in America who recently sent over three of his ties. This museum is full of interest, it is packed with exhibits & there are books & cards etc. for sale. There is also a family history corner with relevant books, some records on microfiche & a reader.

St. Mary's Church is an impressive building & our guide Mr. Kennedy pointed out some of its many treasures. The present church, thought to be on the site of a previous Saxon one, dates from 1250. It once had a steeple but this was blown down in the 18th century on a night which is said to have toppled one quarter of the steeples in England. The present pinnacles are not without their problems too, one has had to be removed because vibrations from bell ringing had caused it to become unsafe. It is planned to move the bells lower down the tower when funds are available. The carved roof is original & the font & stained glass windows Victorian. During extensive restoration in 1867 by Sir George Gilbert Scott some rare wall paintings were uncovered.

Among the contents there is an alabaster tomb dating from 1420 to Sir John Fielding, who was a Lord of the Manor, & his wife Ann. Near the altar is an original Parish Chest which needed three keys to open it. One was kept by the Rector & the other two by his churchwardens. The organ & a piano are both French. Naturally there are some reminders of the church's most famous Rector, John Wycliffe 1324-1380, who was born at Hipswell, & took his name from the nearby village of Wycliffe, Nr. Richmond, Yorks. In a glass case is a 19th century copy of his original translation into English of the Bible, in two volumes, & elsewhere a framed fragment of his heavily embroidered cope.

The Chairman, Edna Taylor, thanked our two guides for a most interesting evening & after tea & biscuits & a quick look at some of the other historic buildings in the street we set off back to Wigston about 9.15p.m.

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ACCOUNTS

It has been suggested by the Hon. Auditor, Colin Towell, that the accounts should be shown in the Bulletin for the benefit of members who do not attend the A.G.M. We agree & so these will feature in the 1st June Bulletin each year.

Greater Wigston

Historical Society Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ending 31st January 1998.

Receipts

Opening balances as at 1/2/97:

Cash in hand 50 48
Current A/c 118 27
Deposit A/c 441 51

610 26

Subscriptions

419 00

Collections at meetings 92 52

O. Hughes Visit

112 00

Christmas Party

178 09

Raffle

32 00

Legacy (R. Wignall)

250 00

Bank Interest

7 91

1091 52

Payments

Room Hire

Lecturers' Fees & Exps

O. Hughes Visit

Christmas Party

Donations (£50 to each Wigston Museum, rest

for visits where no charge made)

Bulletins (Printing etc

Postage

Secretary's expenses

Closing balances as at 31/1/98: Cash in

Hand 40 Current A/c 427 89 Deposit

A/c 446 56

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112 00
149 15

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40 00

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874 85

163 59
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Heritage Fortnight

This event held in March/April with a Lantern Slide Show on 1st April was enjoyed by many people. Pictures & documents from the presently homeless Folk Museum were joined by a display of Wigston material from Leics. Record Office, U.R. Church registers & records, paintings by Don Green, reproductions of postcards by Tricia Berry & photographs by Peter Mastin. £675 was raised for the U.R. Church funds & signatures collected for a petition to the council to try & encourage them to assist with the longer storage & eventual display of the Folk Museum artefacts.

HISTORIES FOR THE MILLENIUM

The Open University has recognised that many individuals & groups may wish to do something special to mark the start of the new millenium. It has drawn up a leaflet to encourage & co-ordinate these efforts. Five themes are suggested:

- Option 1 1953, a new Elizabethan era launched...
- Option 2 1930's, many people grew up in the 1930's...
- Option 3 1851, Great Exhibition, country at height of its powers..
- Option 4 A special Event, air raid, flood, new railway or canal...
- Option 5 Changing Landscape, clues in fields, roads, churches & buildings -----

If anyone is interested in finding out more copies of the leaflet can be obtained from Tricia.

A WORLD WAR II MEMORY

Raymond Kirby has written about an incident which he says he has never seen mentioned by anyone. "When the German bombers attacked Leicester, the time they dropped incendiary bombs on St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston, after the siren warning sounded, we heard the German planes going overhead (a deeper sound than our own planes). My mother tried to stop me going outside, saying "You'll be killed." The clouds were "low like the planes , the two searchlights on the Oadby Racecourse were shining into the clouds, suddenly over my head, I saw a stream of bullets come through the clouds aimed at the searchlights, only for a few seconds or so. Fortunately they did not hit the lights. I bet the bullets are still in the ground!"

RALPH WIGNALL'S LEGACY

At the last committee meeting it was decided to invest this money in a separate account & put the interest towards the fees of a more expensive speaker. This to be known as the Ralph Wignall lecture.

DIARY DATE

Member Geoff Taylor has contacts with a company named 'Verve'¹ who give an audio visual slide show entitled 'Still on the Western Front.¹ This presentation is of photographs of the war cemeteries & memorials around Arras, Bellicourt, Thiepval , Vimy Ridge, Tyne Cot & Ypres etc., accompanied by readings & music. It is hoped to hold it on 11/11/1998 (Armistice Day) at the U.R. Church Rooms. There will be a small charge to cover costs. Further information will be announced at meetings or Geoff can be contacted nearer the time on 2881080.

Conditions in a Weaving Factory

Source : Thomas Delony. the Pleasant History of Jack Newbury 1596

Within one room large and long,
There stood two hundred looms full strong:
Two hundred men the truth is so
Wrought in these looms all in a row.
And in another place hard by
An hundred women merrily,
Were carding hard with joyful cheer,
Who singing sat, with voice clear.
And in a chamber close beside,
Two hundred maiden did abide,
In petticoats of stamell red,
And milk white kerchers on their heads.
These pretty maids did never lin But in
that place all day did spin, And spinning
so with voices meet Like nightingales
they sung full sweet Then to another
room came they Where children were in
poor array And every one sat picking
wool The finest from the coarse to cull.
A dyehouse likewise had he then,
Wherein he kept full forty men And
likewise in his fulling mill Full
twenty person kept he still.

Hours of work

Source: Richard Baxter

The tyranny of many master maketh the lords Day a great mercy to the world for if God had not made law for their rest and liberty abundance of worldly impious person would have them little rest for their bodies and less opportunity for the good of their soul. Tenants and labourers, carters, and carriers, and abundance of tradesmen are so poor that they can hardly spare any proportion of time: less all their children and servants whose subjection with their parents and master poverty restraineth them. Alas they are fain to rise early and hasten to their work and scare have leisure to eat and sleep as nature requireth and they are so toiled and wearied with hard labour if they have at night a quarter of an hour to read a chapter and pray they can scarce hold open their eyes from sleeping.

These two short extracts have been taken from 'How they used to live, 1485-1700', chapter entitled Working conditions, and have been sent to the Bulletin by Phyllis Dunkley.

WIGSTON WHO'S WHO NO; 20

ARTHUR TOLLINGTON J.P.

Arthur Tollington was born on 9/4/1850 the fifth child of Samuel Tollington & his wife Rebecca. The couple already had three sons -John, Thomas Albert & Elijah & a daughter Hannah. The family lived in staff accommodation at the Grange, Leicester Road, Wigston, where Samuel was employed by Thomas Burgess Esquire as groom. Neither of his parents were however natives of Wigston, Samuel having been born at Thorpe Satchville & Rebecca at Groby, & their first three children were born in St. Margaret's parish Leicester.

Arthur grew up in Wigston where he attended Wesleyan Methodist meetings & was an active member of their Sunday School. At the age of ten it was time to earn a living & he went to work for Mr. William Borham who was & corn & flour factor & drysalter of 76, Granby Street, Leicester. He made a great success of his job & by 1877 when aged 27 he had been made a partner, the firm then trading as Borham Son & Tollington. Arthur lived nearby at 22, Ashwell Street.

On 27/12/1880 at Bishop Street Wesleyan Chapel he married Susannah Brice of Clarendon Park who was the eldest daughter of William Brice a butcher who traded from 90, Belgrave Gate. Mr. Brice

became a prosperous gentleman & later moved to Portland Towers, London Road. At the time of his marriage Arthur lived at 54, Granby Street, but by 1891 he had moved with Susannah to Morley House, 64 London Road. The couple were to have four sons & three daughters.

His business life continued to prosper & after the death of Mr. Borham he became sole proprietor. In 1888 he was trading as A. Tollington, drysalter, from 54 Granby Street & 3 Chatham Street. By 1908 he was described as a corn & seed merchant & wholesale confectioner trading from 80 Granby Street & 25 Upper Charles Street. In 1915 his firm was incorporated as a limited company & by 1925 was trading as A. Tollington & Sons Ltd., from the same two addresses.

It was in 1890 that Arthur, standing as a Liberal, was first elected to Leicester Council as a member for East Street, St. Margarets. The following year due to a borough extension & a new election he was returned as one of the three members for Wycliffe. There followed an impressive 31 years of public service. He sat on all the various committees & became Chairman of most. His most important being the Finance Committee for which he was Vice Chairman from 1894 until made Chairman in 1912. He applied his considerable business skills to the running of the town's finances & became known as the local Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was elected an Alderman in 1907 & also served as High Bailiff. In 1911 he was elected Mayor, & it is said this year was marked by business like efficiency, ably helped by his wife.

Other commitments included 33 years as a director of the Leicester Temperance Building Society, a governor of the Royal Infirmary & founder & chairman of both the Mutual Plate Glass & Mutual Fire Insurance Associations.

A life long abstainer, he was closely associated with the Bishop Street Chapel for many years, holding various offices & being a Steward for the Circuit. He was a member of the Leics. & Rutland Sunday School Union for over 40 years. He did not forget his Wigston roots & returned there from time to time, for instance in 1885 to lay the stone with his name inscribed which can still be seen on the wall of the former Frederick Street Chapel. He returned again in 1889 when they put an upper storey on the schoolroom behind, which had been the original church. On this occasion saying "what pleasure it afforded him, as a former scholar, to take part in the proceedings." He returned on 31/8/1890 to jointly conduct the opening services.

When he retired from business it was his proud boast that he had spent his entire working life with the same firm. Described as a suave & courteous gentleman he counted among his friends, fellow councillor, Stephen Hilton, the boot & shoe manufacturer, & was named as an executor of his will. His own very sudden death on 8/3/1921 at the age of 70, was due to a bout of influenza which turned into pneumonia. It caused great shock & loss to many people. He was buried at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester. He was survived by his wife & five of the children. Two sons, Ralph Samuel & William Arthur had joined their father's business. A third son, John Vernon, became a Leicester physician & surgeon who practised on Melton Road. His two surviving daughters moved from the area. Winifred Brice married Rev. Henry W. Wade & went to Worksop & Olive May married Dr. William C. Davis & moved to Liverpool.

The family moved from Morley House soon after Arthur's death. It was situated between Prebend Street & Conduit Street & became a victim of the expansion of the town. By 1925 the area had been taken over by commercial firms including number 64 which was the address of Hodder & Stoughton the book publishers.

Susannah moved to The Hall, North Kilworth where she lived with her son Ralph. She died in 1929.

Tricia Berry

Sources: Census Returns, Various directories, marriage certificate, Wills of Arthur & Susannah LRO 1921/390 & 1929/131, Obituary in Leicester Mercury 9/3/1921, 'Roll of the Mayors & Lord Mayors of Leicester 1209-1935' Henry Hartopp 1936, 'Through all the Changing Scenes' W.A. Ward 1985.

Thanks to Bill Ward for suggesting Arthur Tollington as a suitable person to research for this series.

seven of the crew were washed overboard, and had it not been for the intrepidity of some *Feltham* men, who gallantly went in an open boat to their relief, the Captain and his boy, and nephew, would have shared the same unhappy fate. There has been a collection among the English, for our gallant countryman; for not a Frenchman would wet his shoes."

Wednesday died, after only a few hours illness, in an obscure situation at Deptford, Mrs. Helena Malcalas, a native of Hanover, who came over during the reign of King George the First; she had attained to 97 years, and was hardly over known to have had a day's illness.

Last week died, in great agonies, Mr. Evans; at Bedwin in Wilts, by a blow which he received sometime since from a tame ram. Although this circumstance is not so shocking as that of the bear, mentioned in a former paper, yet the inference of it may tend to deter others from irritating those animals which Providence ordained to be of service and benefit to mankind.

Fox-hunting.—The present has proved the most destructive hunting season that ever was remembered, for *foxes* as well as *foxes*. The foxes have been remarkably high, with scarce a day's intermission on account of frost, or other bad weather.—The following is given us, as a pretty authentic return of the *deaths* to the principal packs, viz.

Name	Foxes
Mr. Meyn's	26
Lord Fitzwilliam's	24
Mr. Panton's	24
Mr. Coke's	24
Duke of Grafton's	23
Lord Egmont's	23
Duke of York's	19
Mr. Warr's	17
Col. Throton's	14

Anecdote.—A sporting Parson, at a late sporting meeting in Wiltshire, produced a dog that beat the whole country. A nobleman in an adjoiningshire who had a great value for this sport, admired the dog much, and wished to have him. The Clergyman observed this, and knowing that his lordship had some church preferment in his gift, was not backward in displaying his dog. "He runs well indeed," said his Lordship. "Yes," replies the parson, "he does; but I'll tell your lordship how it is, he is a hungry dog, and runs for a living." His lordship took the hint, and made the dog his own.

Leicester, Dec. 22, 1790.

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THE POST COACH to LONDON, every evening, (Sundays excepted) from the BLUE BELL, at eight o'clock, arrives next morning at ten. Returns from London every morning (except Saturdays) at six o'clock, arrives at Leicestershire same evening at eight.—Carries four ladies, at 1l. 5s. each. Outside 1l. 5s.

A COACH to LONDON every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening, from the BLUE BELL, at eleven o'clock, arrives early next evening.—Fare, Inside 1l. 1s. Outside 1l. 1s.

THE MAIL COACH to MANCHESTER every morning, from the THREE CRANES, at ten o'clock, arrives early the same evening.—Fare, Inside 1l. 1s. 6d. Outside 1l. 1s. 6d.

A POST COACH to MANCHESTER every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening, from the BLUE BELL, at eight o'clock, through Derby, Alders, Leic., and Manchester, arrives at Manchester next morning at ten.—Fare, Inside 1l. 5s. Outside 1l. 5s.

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A COACH to DERRY every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, at four o'clock.—Fare, Inside 8s. Outside 4s.

Places taken and parcels booked, by G. COWDELL, at the COACH-OFFICE, near the ASSEMBLY-ROOM; or, at the BLUE BELL INN.

Performed by
WILSON.
BENTON.
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DIXON and Co.

N. B. The proprietors are not accountable for parcels, containing any cash, bills, jewels, &c. unless entered and paid for according to value.
Leicester, Dec. 14th, 1790.

State-Lottery Office,
9, NINE-STREET, CORN-MILL, LONDON, OPPOSITE
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

Mr. NICHOLSON,
MOST respectfully acquaints his numerous friends, and the public, that he is filling in the greatest variety of numbers, and lowest terms, the TICKETS and legal STAMPED SHARES for the present English State-Lottery, that begins drawing the 9th of February, 1791.

The prizes arising thereon, as well as FOUR POUNDS EACH for the first ten thousand blanks, will be paid their FULL VALUE as soon as drawn.

Mr. NICHOLSON'S office has been uncommonly fortunate to those who have honoured him with their commands, viz. In the late Irish lottery, No. 17,049, drew a prize of THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS; the 13th of December last, was sold in a whole ticket, by Mr. Nicholson.

And in the late English and Irish lotteries,

No. 7,785 } Prizes of 25,000l. each.
28,322 } 10,000l. each.

No. 17,049 } Prizes of 46,876l. 10,000l. each.
17,049 } 10,000l. each.

No. 14,777 } Prizes of 25,000l. each.
19,856 } 5,000l. each.

The prizes of land, stock, and gold, are too numerous to be mentioned in a newspaper. Before the great number of capital prizes in the present lottery, the holders of the first TEN THOUSAND tickets that are drawn BLANKS, will receive four pounds each, and the shares thereof in proportion, which being deducted from the first 9th of the tickets, renders them much cheaper than in any former lottery; and as there cannot be a doubt of their being considerably higher before it to his friends, to purchase their tickets and shares before the rick takes place.

SCHEME OF THE LOTTERY.

No. of Tickets.	Value of each.	Half.	Quarter.	Eighth.	Sixteenth.
3	of 10,000	5,000	2,500	1,250	625
2	of 10,000	5,000	2,500	1,250	625
3	of 5,000	2,500	1,250	625	312
5	of 2,000	1,000	500	250	125
15	of 1,000	500	250	125	62
30	of 500	250	125	62	31
100	of 100	50	25	12	6
150	of 50	25	12	6	3
5000	of 10	5	2	1	0
9000	of 5	2	1	0	0

PRESENT PRICE OF SHARES.
Half — £ 3 8 0
Quarter — 4 5 0
Eighth — 2 8 6
Sixteenth — 1 1 6

Tickets and shares registered at 6d. per number.

All kinds of Government securities bought and sold.

50,000l. always ready to purchase prizes.

Orders by the Post, Mail Coaches, &c. &c. daily attended to.

And prizes in the late Irish and all former lotteries, taken as cash.

The justly celebrated MEDICINES for CURING THE PILES and FIS GULA in ANO. Originally discovered and prepared by Mr. MATTHEWS, Surgeon, Brook-Street, Holborn, deceased. Are continued to be prepared, from his manuscript recipes, by Mrs. MATTHEWS, his Widow, No. 40, Duke-Street.

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GWINTHS

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FRIDAY,

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J. GREGORY,

IN THE MARKET-PLACE.

which ready money is expected) inserted at 5s. each, if they do not exceed 31 lines—longer ones in proportion.

LONDON, CHARTER, and PEARL'S COFFEE-HOUSE; and at Mr. TAYLER'S, WARWICK-COURT, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH-YARD, ----- where ADVERTISEMENTS are received. ----- by 46 be seen at the PRINCE OF WALES, HOUGHTON-STREET, CLARE-MARKET; and at Mr. SWIFT'S, LEATHER-LANE, HOLBORN.

Seven of the crew were washed overboard, and had it not been for the intrepidity of some *Fallopian men*, who gallantly went in an open boat to their relief, the Captain and his boy, and nephew, would have shared the same unhappy fate. There has been a collection among the English, for our gallant countrymen; for not a Frenchman would wet his shoes.

Wednesday died, after only a few hours illness, in an obscure situation at Deptford, Mrs. Helena Malcalas, a native of Hanover, who came over during the reign of King George the First; she had attained to 97 years, and was hardly ever known to have had a day's illness.

Last week died, in great agonies, Mr. Evans, at Bedwin in Wilts, by a blow which he received sometime since from a tame ram. Although this circumstance is not so shocking as that of the bear, mentioned in a former paper, yet the inference of it may tend to deter others from irritating those animals: which Providence ordained to be of service and benefit to mankind.

Fox-hunting.—The present has proved the most destructive hunting season that ever was remembered, for *foxes* as well as *foxes*. The scent has been remarkably high, with scarce a day's intermission on account of frost, or other bad weather.—The following is given us, as a pretty authentic return of the *deaths* to the principal packs, viz.

	Foxes.
Mr. Meynall's	26
Lord Fitzwilliam's	24
Mr. Panton's	24
Mr. Calk's	24
Duke of Grafton's	23
Lord Egmont's	23
Duke of York's	19
Mr. Ward's	17
Col. Thurston's	14

Anecdote.—A *Sporting Passion*, at a late courting meeting in Wiltshire, produced a dog that beat the whole country. A nobleman in an adjoiningshire who had a great value for this sport, admired the dog much, and wished to have him. The Clergyman observed this, and knowing that his lordship had some church preferment in his gift, was not backward in displaying his dog. "He runs well indeed," said his Lordship. "Yes," replies the parson, "he does; but I'll tell your lordship how it is, he is a hungry dog, and runs—for a living." His lordship took the hint, and made the dog his own.

Leicester, Dec. 23, 1790.

LEICESTER and LONDON old-established COACH,

From the BLUE BELL INN, in HUMBER-STONE-GATE:

CONTINUES to set out from the above INN, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, at four o'clock, and arrives in London the same evening at eight.—Fare, inside 11. 12. Outside 12.

The proprietors take this opportunity of expressing their acknowledgments to the ladies and gentlemen of Leicester, and its vicinity, for the favours they have received, and assure them, that every endeavour shall be exerted to make this conveyance as eligible as possible, for ease, safety, and expedition. They see further requested to observe, that the under-mentioned coaches, set out at the times and places following:

The MAIL COACH to LONDON, every afternoon, from the THREE CRANES, at three o'clock, arrives next morning at six.—Fare, inside 11. 12. 6d. Outside 12.

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Leicester, Dec. 24th, 1790.

State-Lottery Office,

BANK-STREET, CORN-MILL, LONDON, OPPOSITE THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
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MOST respectfully acquaints his numerous friends, and the public, that he is selling in the greatest variety of numbers, and lowest terms, the TICKETS and legal STAMPED SHARES for the present English State-Lottery, that begins drawing the 9th of February, 1791.

The prizes arising thereon, as well as 7000 POUNDS EACH for the first ten thousand blanks, will be paid their FULL VALUE as soon as drawn.

Mr. NICHOLSON'S office has been unconformably fortunate in those who have honoured him with their contributions, viz. In the late Irish lottery, No. 17,000, drew a prize of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS, the 15th of December last, was sold in a whole ticket, by Mr. Nicholson.

And in the late English and Irish lotteries,

No. 7,751 } Prizes of 23,481 } 28,322 } 20,000. each.

No. 14,777 } Prizes of 29,896 } 30,875 } 5,000. each.

The prizes of 1000l. 1000l. and 500l. are too numerous to be mentioned in a newspaper.

Besides the great number of capital prizes in the present lottery, the holders of the first TEN THOUSAND tickets that are drawn BLANKS, will receive four pounds each, and the shares thereof in proportion, which being deducted from the 6s. 8d. of the ticket, renders them much cheaper than in any former lottery; and as there cannot be a doubt of their being considerably higher before the drawing begins, Mr. NICHOLSON begs leave to recommend it to his friends, to purchase their tickets and shares before the first takes place.

SCHEME OF THE LOTTERY.	PRESENT PRICE OF SHARE.
No. of Prizes.	Value of each.
3	of — £20,000
2	of — 10,000
3	of — 5,000
2	of — 2,000
15	of — 1,000
39	of — 500
100	of — 100
150	of — 50
5000	of — 15
9024	of — 10

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And prizes in the late Irish, and all former lotteries, taken as call.

14117 Prizes
10000 First-drawn
Blanks entitled to 40,000 each
First-drawn 10,000
Lot-drawn 1,000
23667 Blanks
50000 Tickets 500,000

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