



Forthcoming meetings

November 8th 2017 - Brian Johnson - *Their name liveth for evermore – the work of the Imperial War Graves commission*

December 13th 2017 - Peter Liddle - *Mercian Leicestershire*

January 10th 2018 - Douglas Clinton - *The Anglo-Saxon Monastery at Breedon on the Hill*

February 14th 2018 - Mary Matts - *The Flora of the Grand Union Canal*

March 14th 2018 - Dr Stephen Parry - *The Stones of Harborough in their geological setting*

April 11th 2018 - Paul Wintersgill and Dave Cail - *Working in Stone in Harborough District*

May 9th 2018 - Roy Smart - *Another Icarus? The story of Percy Pilcher*

All Market Harborough Historical Society meetings take place at the Roman Way Community Centre, 36, Roman Way Market Harborough, LE16 7PQ

Starting at 7:30 pm. on the second Wednesday of the month September to May. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Admission is FREE to members, visitors £3



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The J C Davies and Michael Brown Memorial
Seminar

Saturday 28th October 2017

LOCAL HISTORY DAY

***Crime and Punishment in Market
Harborough and Leicestershire***

Ticket Only Event, £15 to include buffet lunch

(Application form on separate sheet)

Roman Way Community Centre, Roman Way,
Market Harborough, LE16 7PQ

10:30 – 4:00 pm.

The theme for the day is: Crime and Punishment in Market Harborough and Leicestershire.

10:30 am. Reception and Welcome with coffee, tea and biscuits

11:00 am. – 12:00 pm.

Keynote Speaker: Dame Carmen Callil – ‘Transportation to Australia from Harborough in 19th Century: The Conquests Boys of Market Harborough: A Case Study’

Carmen, who is Australian by birth, explains her connection to Market Harborough History through her family history. She tells of her lively and devil-may-care ancestors, the Conquest Boys, who were well known in the town in the early 19th century for their nefarious and illegal activities which eventually led them to be transported to the colonies.

12:00 – 1:00 pm.

Cynthia Brown - ‘The Price of Principle: Some Episodes of Passive Resistance in Leicester and Harborough’.

Many people broke the law in Leicestershire in the 19th and early 20th centuries, but only a minority did on a matter of principle. This talk will focus on two examples that Harborough had in common with Leicester: opposition to compulsory smallpox vaccination and to the 1902 Education Act. It will also look at an episode unique to Leicester, in the prosecution in 1932 of street sellers of bananas and celery.

Lunch 1:00– 2:00 pm.

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David Bell - ‘Leicestershire Murders’

David Bell, Leicestershire writer, will talk about the hanging of Earl Ferrers for murder in 1760, and the first use of DNA to solve a murder in 1987. He will mention the gibbet post still to be seen at Bilstone, near Twycross, where body of the wrestler Topsy Turvey was suspended for 18 years. He will tell of three young Coalville miners executed in Leicestershire’s last triple hanging, when the authorities couldn’t decide which of them was guilty. Peppermint Billy will also make an appearance.

Tea Break 3:00 - 3:15 pm.

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Alan Langley – ‘County and Local Militias of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire 1757-1850’

Alan is a long serving member of the Historical Society and a regular contributor to the Harborough Historian. Before the establishment of a nationwide police force county militias and volunteers were the principal forces used to put down any serious unrest. Alan examines their origin and formation and provides examples of their activities in putting down the Cheese Riot of 1766 and the ‘Barrow Butchery’ of 1795 among many incidents.