



# Market Harborough Historical Society



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## **A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS**

**\* Speaker for Wednesday 11th JANUARY, 2023 \***

This month **Jennifer Browning** will be talking about “**THE RUTLAND MOSAIC**”

Jennifer Browning from University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) was the leading archaeologist involved in the recent excavation of the stunning Rutland Mosaic. This is a remarkable 11 x 7 metre Roman Mosaic in a large high-status villa near South Luffenham golf course. It has been called the most exciting Roman mosaic discovery in a century.



**A scene depicting the battle between Achilles and Hector**

Discovered during lockdown in 2020 its existence and excavation was announced in November 2021. Uniquely to Britain (and rare in Europe) it shows, across three panels, representations of the Trojan War from Homer's *Illiad*. Jennifer will talk about the mosaic and its excavation as well as the archaeological studies of the site of this previously unknown major villa.

## **Subscriptions and Door Charge**

**We are at present taking subscriptions for the coming year 2022-3. You may note the subscription fee has not gone up and remains at £14 per individual and £20 per couple.**

**If you would like to attend talks without being a member you would be welcome but we charge a £3 entry fee plus £1 door charge.**

We meet at **The Methodist Church Hall on Northampton Road**, Market Harborough LE16 9HE. The talks begin at 7:30 p.m. and the doors of the church are open from 7 p.m. There is limited parking at the back of the church but plenty of space across the road in the car park beside the Market Hall.

## **\* REQUEST FOR ARTICLES FOR THE HISTORIAN \***

The editor of The Historian, Eric Whelan, requests articles of any length for the Historian our annual journal. They could be on people, family history, past events, architecture, memories and many other things associated with Market Harborough and its district.

Eric's email address is: [thewhelans40@gmail.com](mailto:thewhelans40@gmail.com)

## **\* At the Harborough Museum \***

**Cut and Create**

**February 19, 2022 - January 28, 2023 FREE**



An exhibition about the history of home dressmaking.

All clothing and its creation have a story. This exhibition looks at the often overlooked story of the home dressmaker and the equipment they used to make the job of creating the latest fashions more convenient and affordable to all.

### ***Get involved!***

Would you like to share your memories of custom handmade garments made by yourself, a relative or a friend?

Send us a picture of it being worn and a picture of the front cover of the pattern used, if you still have it.

Please include the year it was finished and your name, if you are happy to provide it. We will add this to our Community Cut and Create digital display, which will be in the Special Exhibition Gallery, as part of the exhibition.

Please e-mail your pictures to: [harboroughmuseum@leics.gov.uk](mailto:harboroughmuseum@leics.gov.uk)

## **Harborough Museum opening days and times:**

**Opening hours:** Tuesday-Friday **10am-6pm** Saturday **10am-4pm**

Tel: 0116 305 3627. The Museum website for local information is [www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk](http://www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk)

### **\* The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland \***

The opening hours are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:30pm - 4pm. Please look up on the website or phone to find out the conditions under which you can use the Record Office. **The Record Office, Long Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester LE18 2AH** Email: [recordoffice@leics.gov.uk](mailto:recordoffice@leics.gov.uk) or telephone: **0116 257 1080**

### **\* Leicester City, County & Rutland at Risk War Memorials \***

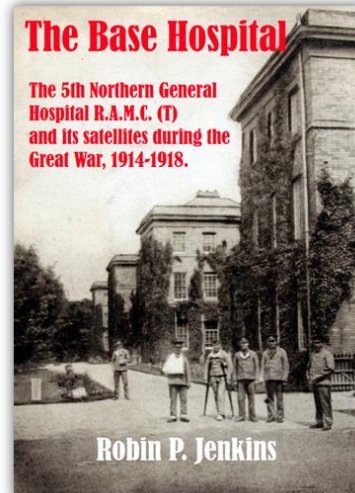
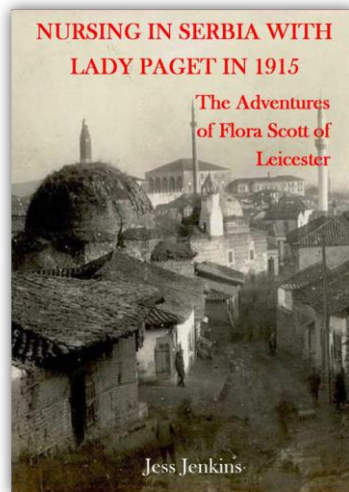
PROJECT The Leicester City, County & Rutland At Risk Memorials Project welcomes any information that can help or promote their work. If you have any details of a War Memorial you feel is at risk, or can help in any way, please contact [mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk](mailto:mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk) or visit the project website at [www.atriskwarmemorials.co.uk](http://www.atriskwarmemorials.co.uk).

### **\* BALH Ten Minute Talks on You Tube \***

Members may be interested to know that on the British Association for Local History website there are a number of ten minute talks on a range of topics. Press control and click your mouse and they should come up for you. [www.balh.org.uk/ten-minute-talks?](http://www.balh.org.uk/ten-minute-talks?)

## \* BOOKS \*

### Two new books from Robin and Jess Jenkins



Available from Amazon or through [www.heritageco.co.uk](http://www.heritageco.co.uk)

### \* 'A History of Market Harborough'

#### *From Earliest Times to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century' Volume 1*

Available from local book stores and historical society events. Price - £15

### \* 'Market Harborough: A Railway Crossroads' by John Gough

The book is available from the Midland Railway Society, priced £14.95 plus p&p by contacting: [booksales@midlandrailwaysociety.org.uk](mailto:booksales@midlandrailwaysociety.org.uk) It will shortly be available from their web site: [www.midlandrailwaysociety.org.uk](http://www.midlandrailwaysociety.org.uk)

### \* 'Oh Happy Day: These Times and Those Times' by Carmen Callil Now in paperback!

These books can purchased from:

\* **Quinn's Books (Chris):** Tel: 01858 – 432313, email: [info@quinnbooks.co.uk](mailto:info@quinnbooks.co.uk) Website: via Facebook

\* **Waterstones Books, Market Harborough** Tel: 01858 – 410957  
<https://www.waterstones.com/>

\* **Kibworth Books (Debbie):** Tel: 0116 – 2791121; Email: [info@kibworthbooks.com](mailto:info@kibworthbooks.com) ; Website: [kibworthbooks.com](http://kibworthbooks.com)

### \* Harborough Historian Index Page

Dudley Brown, the Harborough Historical Society Webmaster is daily adding links to the Harborough Historian index page of the website. This

enables downloading or viewing of past articles. Link here  
[https://www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org/body\\_historian\\_index.html](https://www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org/body_historian_index.html)



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Cabinet Office files from 2000-2002 released

**Various Cabinet Office files have been released  
for your viewing and research**

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)

**\* Please visit our website \***

[www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org)

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