



NEWSLETTER NO. 125, MAY, 2023

*** Speaker for Wednesday 10th MAY, 2023 ***

This month **Susan Barton** will be talking on the subject of
“Thomas Cook and his Organised Outings”

Susan Barton has been interested in Victorian working-class organisations and popular tourism for many years, the role of Market Harborough's son, Thomas Cook, figures much in this. She has recently researched him focussing on Cook's tours to Switzerland, particularly the first of 1863 that was documented by Jemima Morrell. Such social history has had a profound influence on the way tourism has subsequently developed.



A.G.M.

Please Note that this meeting will begin with our Annual General Meeting. We hope to complete this part of the meeting as quickly as possible

Subscriptions and Door Charge

The subscription is £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.

*** HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER VISIT ***



Visit to Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens

Tuesday 13th June 2023

[Please note the change of date]

Meet in the overflow car park at 11:15 for 11:30 a.m. for a guided tour of the house. After the tour you will be free to go around the house again, visit the gardens and the tea rooms. Cost £10 per person (excluding refreshments) Concessions £9; members of Historic Houses Association free.

Unfortunately if you require the use of a lift to get between floors, you can get to the basement but unfortunately, not to the first floor bedrooms.

Please let Rosalind Willatts know if you wish to attend on **Tel. 01536 770875** rmwillatts@uwclub.net. As soon as possible.

*** Leicestershire & Rutland Festival of Archaeology ***

Saturday July 1st – Sunday July 30th

This enormous counties wide festival has events for young and older with an enormous range of events. I will be sending out the full brochure when it has been finalised.

For more details contact Twitter and Facebook @LeicsArchFest

*** 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

*** At the Harborough Museum ***



Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Harborough Theatre with a year of changing displays. Every two months, two new decades of the Theatre will be showcased, focusing on the people, plays and props which have brought drama and joy to audiences for so long. From January-February, the 1930s-1940s will be in our Community Showcases, by the Local Studies area.

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

* Wigston and Market Harborough *

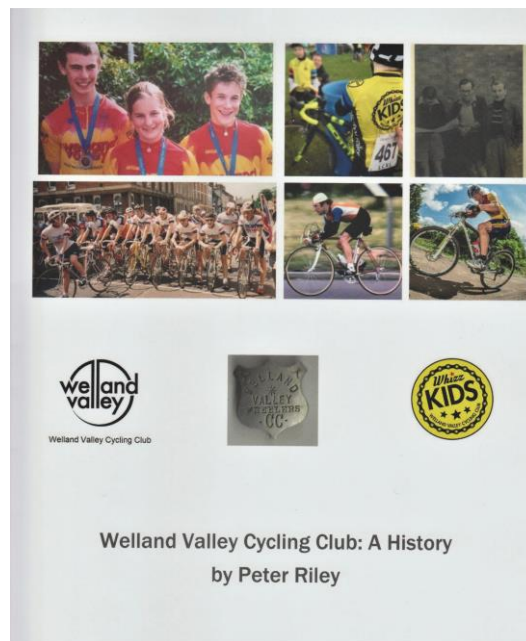
Many people have left Wigston over the years to settle in Market Harborough. If there is still an interest in the WIGSTON area, then there is plenty of information at the Wigston Heritage Centre on Station Road by the Swimming Baths. Have a look at this YouTube video to see what is available. <https://youtu.be/UK8CGaYwPxY>

Alternatively, you can look at the web site
www.wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk.

We also have a new DVD which charts the development of South Wigston from open fields to a bustling village with industrial and railway connections. See an excerpt from the DVD on YouTube at
<https://youtu.be/zPcnbeMCyVU>

Further information on both of the above from Mikeforryan@icloud.com

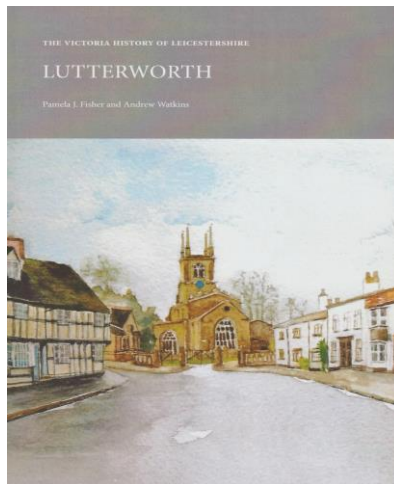
* BOOKS *



* Get your printed copy of Welland Valley CC: A History by Peter Riley *

Peter Riley took on the task of writing the history of WVCC in 2018. This involved long hours poring over minutes and club documents, library and archive research, and couple of Club Nights in Lubenham to share stories (and check facts), and the finished product charts the Club's story from 1927 through to the early 00's. It really is a cracking read. [You can find and download Peter's work here](#). The Club has arranged for printed copies to be available to members at cost, but you need to get your order in by Saturday 15th April by filling a short form <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WVCCHistory>. Any queries, please contact [Jonathan Durnin](#).

*** A New VCH History of Lutterworth ***



Available from:

Dr Pamela J Fisher , Leicestershire Victoria County History Trust, University of Leicester ,
Attenborough Tower, University Road, LE1 7RH email pjf7@leicester.ac.uk
Price £12 plus £2.50 UK P&P. payable by cheque or Bank Transfer

**** 'A History of Market Harborough****

'From Earliest Times to the 18th 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 It will shortly be available from their web site: 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@quinnbookshop.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 ; Website: 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

*** Please visit our website ***

www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org

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