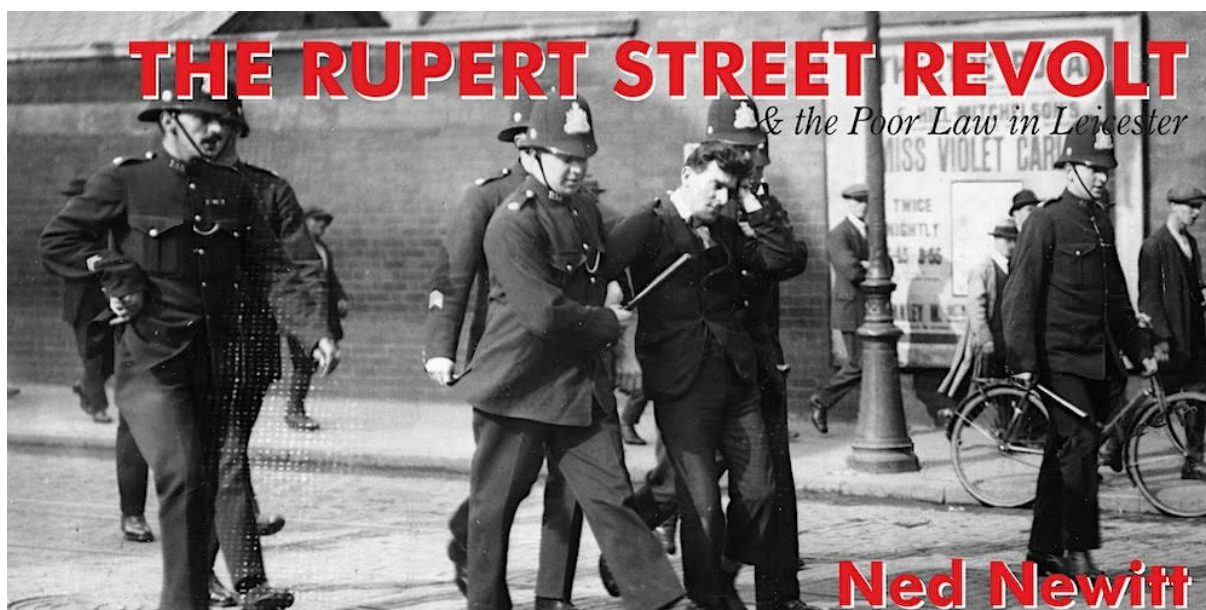




**\* NEWSLETTER NO. 132, FEBRAURY, 2024 \***

**The Speaker for Wednesday 14th FEBRUARY, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. is  
NED NEWITT who will speak on**



### **The Rupert Street Revolt in Leicester**

The Great War did not bring prosperity to the common man; the hardships faced by Leicester's unemployed led to a riot in September 1921. This is a story of the conflict between the hopes of those who came back from the war and the reality of the 19th century Poor Law. The riotous scenes of 1921 were just one of the many skirmishes that ultimately paved the way for the Welfare State. Ned looks at the Poor Law in Leicester against the conflicting social attitudes of the time: society has a responsibility to those thrown out of work through no fault of their own versus the belief that poverty was the consequence of indolence and drunkenness.

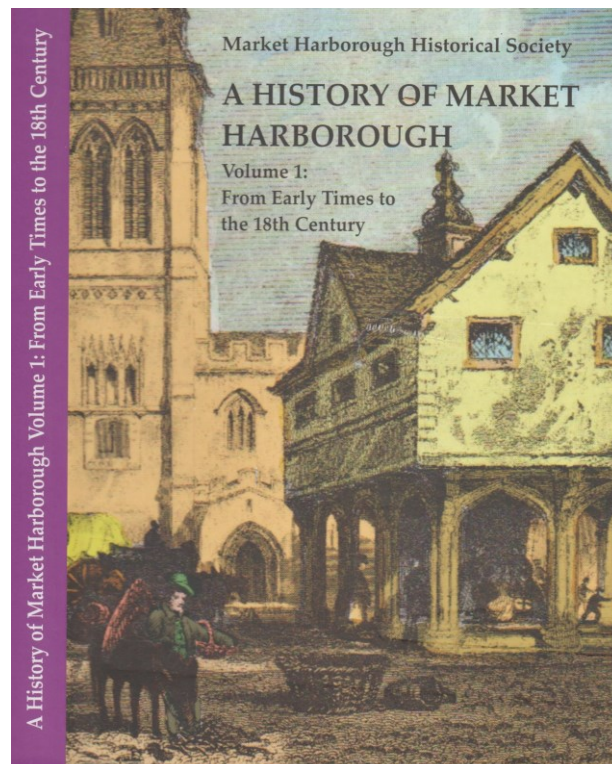
**\* PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW VENUE! \***

**We are meeting now at Market Harborough Methodist Church  
'Youth Wing' Northampton Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9HE**

For new members and visitors please note that there is a car park directly opposite the church. There is also a charge of £3 for Non-Members plus a £1 entry fee for all.

***'A History of Market Harborough  
From Earliest Times to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century' Volume 1***

Due to popular demand Market Harborough Historical Society has decided to reprint Volume one of its History of market Harborough. It is now available in bookshops and on sale at Society events. It is still only £15 for the hardback edition.



Volume Two of "A History of Market Harborough: From 1800 to the Present Day" Should be available in the New Year.

**\* Family Magic Show at Harborough Museum \***

**21<sup>st</sup> February, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Entry Fee £3**

Join us for a fun magic show, and learn some tricks with magician Thomas Dixon. Booking essential. Tel: 0116 305 3627



*Magician Thomas Dixon demonstrating his amazing skills*

**\* Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of  
Harborough Theatre at 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.

## **Volunteering**

### Local Studies Research Volunteer

Get involved in exciting research projects taking place at Harborough Museum! At present, volunteers have the opportunity to:

- \* Research, handle and photograph interesting objects on display for an Extended Labels online project.
- \* Take part in research for museum exhibitions and displays. (current project: 90 Years of Theatre)

\* Support the collection and interpretation of oral histories.

\* Volunteers can also choose to assist with archival indexing and support museum events. When: First and third Monday of the month 2pm-4pm. Plus optional independent volunteering.

Where: Harborough Museum, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve St, Market Harborough LE16 7LT

For more information, please get in touch by contacting Bethany Nugent at: [Bethany.Nugent@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Bethany.Nugent@leics.gov.uk)

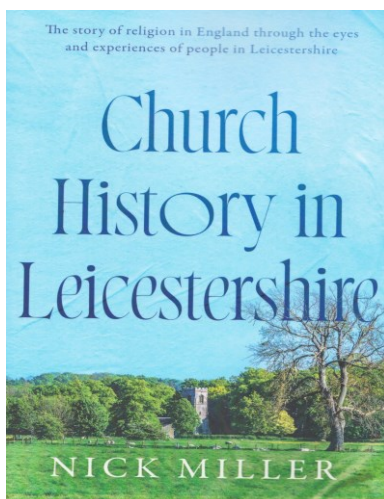
To find out more about other museum and heritage volunteering opportunities currently available at Leicestershire County Council, visit: [www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/volunteering/opportunities/](http://www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/volunteering/opportunities/)

**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)

## \* BOOKS \*

### CHURCH HISTORY IN LEICESTERSHIRE – NEW PUBLICATION



A new book by Nick Miller has recently been published by the Book Guild. *Church History in Leicestershire* charts the story of religion in England from pre-Christian times to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, viewed through the events and eyes and experiences of people in Leicestershire. Weaving together ecclesiastical, political and social strands, it chronicles the tortuous tale of religion, churches and the people who worshipped there. There will be more details about the book in the Spring LAHS Newsletter, but if you would like to know more or order a copy, visit [Church History in Leicestershire | The Book Guild Ltd](http://Church History in Leicestershire | The Book Guild Ltd). The book costs £14.99, 520pp, ISBN: 9781916668065.

Also available at **Quinn's Books** Tel: 01858 – 432313, email: [info@quinnsbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@quinnsbookshop.co.uk)

✿ History books by local author Mike Hutton ✿

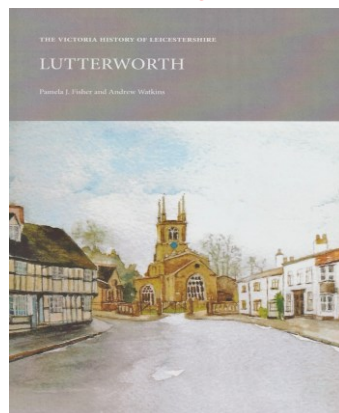


“1919: A Land Fit For Heroes” is available from Amazon and Abe Books, both priced at £3.95 (used) and £18 and Waterstones priced at £20.00.

Children of the 1940s is available from Amazon at £18.19 and Pen & Sword at £15.40 . Also at Waterstones priced at £22.00.

“The Hidden Letter” is only available from Amazon priced at £6.99.  
The first two books may also be sold in other bookshops.

✿ A New VCH History of Lutterworth ✿



Available from: Lutterworth Museum, Market St, Lutterworth LE17 4EH  
Email: [enquiries@lutterworthmuseum.org](mailto:enquiries@lutterworthmuseum.org)

The Museum is open:  
Thursday 10:30 am–3:30 pm  
Friday 10:30 am–3:30 pm  
Saturday 10:30 am–3:30 pm  
Sunday 1–3:30 pm

OR from  
Dr Pamela J Fisher , Leicestershire Victoria County History Trust, University of  
Leicester , Attenborough Tower, University Road, LE1 7RH email  
[pjf7@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:pjf7@leicester.ac.uk) Price £12 plus £2.50 UK P&P. Payable by cheque or Bank  
Transfer

**\* '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)

**\* 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)

**\* 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)

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

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

*For more information contact Len Holden on 01858 – 446067. Email [leonard.holden@ntlworld.com](mailto:leonard.holden@ntlworld.com)*

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