



✿ NEWSLETTER NO. 133, MARCH, 2024 ✿

The Speaker for Wednesday 13th MARCH, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. is
PETER LIDDLE who will speak on



The Abbeys and Priors of Leicestershire

The Middle Ages saw the foundation of many religious houses, some small others mighty as Leicester Abbey whose desire for sheep runs was responsible for the depopulation of still empty areas the county. Religious Houses were an important aspect of life in medieval Leicestershire but were swept away in the 1530s. Peter will talk about these abbeys and priories, what now remains of their buildings and what became of them after the Dissolution.



Launde Abbey which was seized by Thomas Cromwell during The Reformation

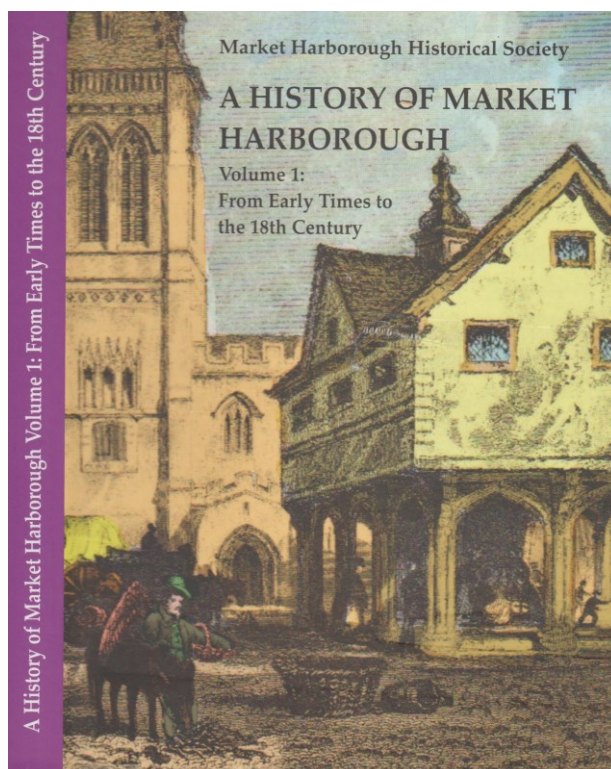
*** PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW VENUE! ***

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 18th 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.

*** 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

* **Harborough Museum** *

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

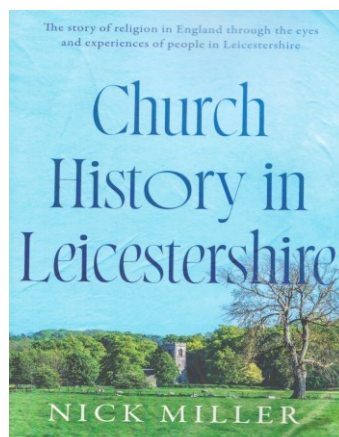
To find out more about other museum and heritage volunteering opportunities currently available at Leicestershire County Council, visit: www.cultureleicestershire.co.uk/volunteering/opportunities/

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

* **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 20th 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](#). The book costs £14.99, 520pp, ISBN: 9781916668065.

Also available at **Quinn's Books** Tel: 01858 – 432313, email: info@quinnbookshop.co.uk

✳ History books by local author Mike Hutton ✳

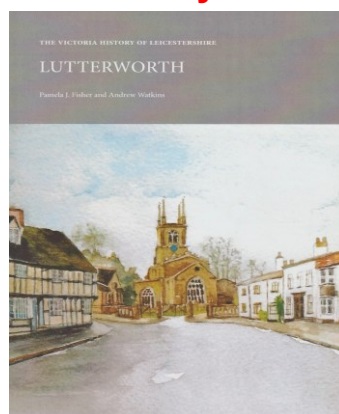


“1919: A Land Fit For Heroes” is available from Amazon and Abe Books, both priced at £3.95 (used) and £18 and Waterstones priced at £20.00.

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

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 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 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@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 ; 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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