

✳ NEWSLETTER NO. 134, APRIL, 2024 ✳

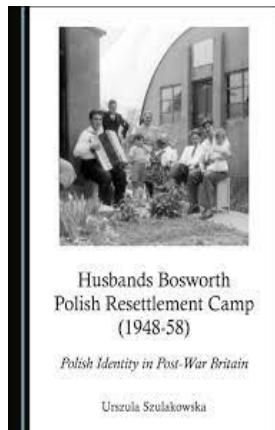
✳ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ✳

There will be a short annual general meeting before the main speaker
If anyone would like to stand for the committee please let me know.

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The Speaker for Wednesday 10th APRIL, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. is

**Bozena Kucewicz who will speak on
The Postwar Polish Resettlement Camp
at Husband's Bosworth**



World War II saw the invasion of Poland by the Germans from the West and 10 days later by Russia from the East. Hitler snatched thousands of young Poles to work as slaves to feed and enable the economic expansion of the Third Reich. Stalin was determined to reclaim the Polish Eastern Borderlands that he considered historically Russian and remove all the newly settled Polish families. Over a million Poles were brutally transported in cattle trucks and dumped in Siberian labour camps and gulags. Bozena tells the story, often from a personal perspective, of these displaced Poles, how they survived the war and ended up stranded making what they thought were temporary homes in vacated British military camps, one of which was Husband's Bosworth.

✳ PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW VENUE! ✳

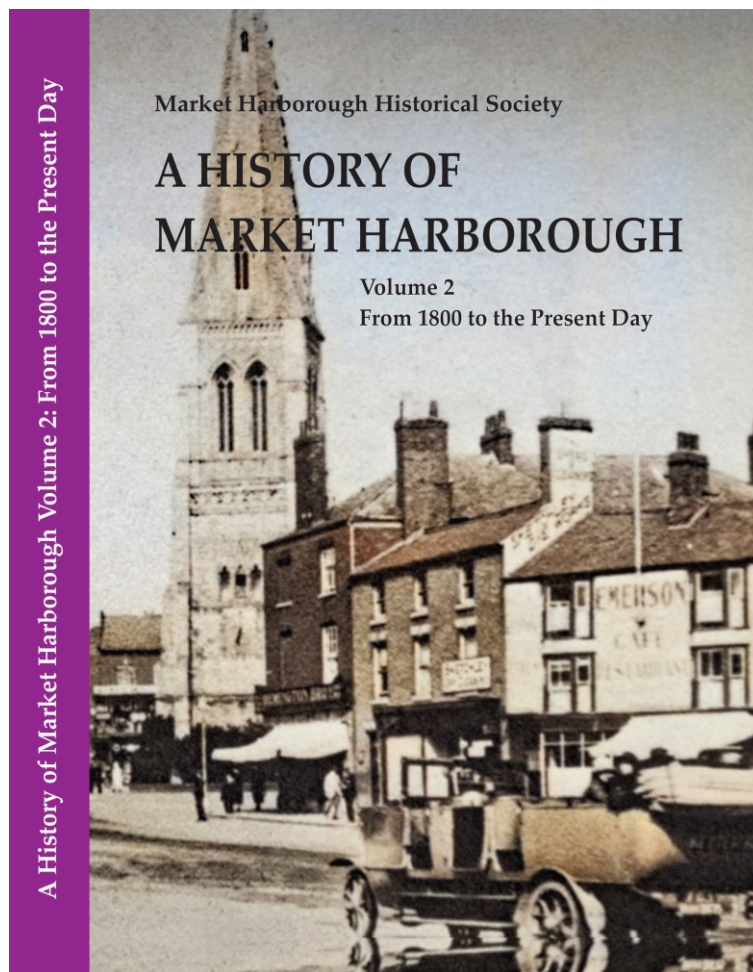
**For this meeting and subsequent meetings we will return to the
Main Methodist Church Hall**

**We are meeting now at Market Harborough Methodist Church Hall
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.

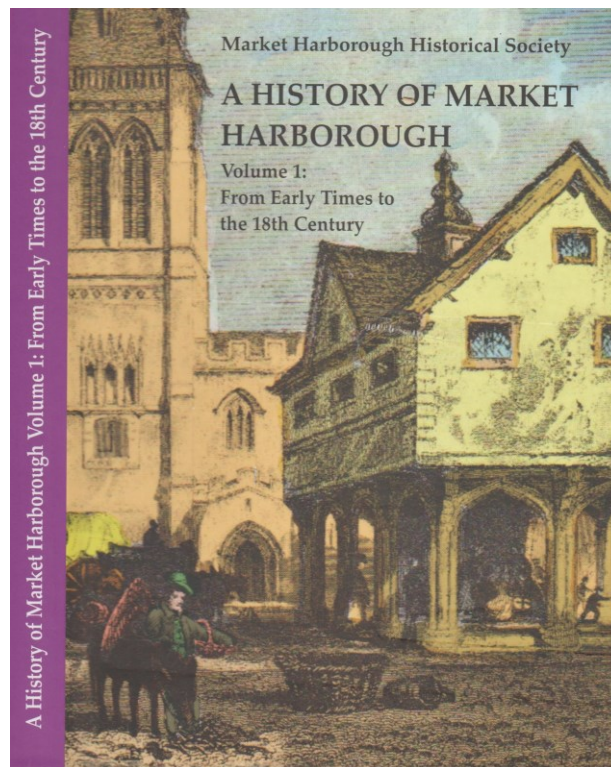
AT LAST!!!

***'A History of Market Harborough Volume 2,
From 1800 to the Present Day' is on sale***



The book can be purchased directly from Market Harborough Historical Society or from local book sellers Quinn's Book shop and Waterstones **Price £17**

Don't forget if you haven't got Volume one of A History of Market Harborough. It is also available in bookshops and on sale at Society events. It is still only **£15**.



* Congratulations Pam! - BALH Winner *

Pam Aucott who is a regular contributor to our annual journal 'The Harborough Historian' and editor of our two recent books on the History of Market Harborough, was a winner of the **British Association for Local History Publications Awards 2024**, for her article '300 years at Number 1 High Street', in *The Harborough Historian*, no. 40 (October 2023) pp.5-8

* 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 * Replica Helmet on Display at the Museum



The new replica Roman helmet is now on display at Harborough Museum. The Helmet with its six cheek pieces was found at the Hallaton Treasure dig and was cleaned at the British Museum. As the original helmet is in a delicate condition Leicestershire Museum service had a replica made. David Holmes, Chairman of Market Harborough Historical Society, stands admiring the finished article.

Volunteering at the Museum

Local Studies Research Volunteer

Get involved in exciting research projects taking place at Harborough Museum! 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

*** Festival of Archaeology ***

Festival of ARCHAEOLOGY
LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND
Saturday 29th June – Sunday 28th July
ARCHAEOLOGY & COMMUNITY
On the ground & online

CBA
FESTIVAL OF
ARCHAEOLOGY
2024

Archaeology is all about people and how we explore and interpret the past.
Archaeology has the unique ability to bring people from all our shared sense of community – what it meant in the past, what it means to us now, and how we can shape our future.

This July, celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of Leicestershire and Rutland. Uncover the stories, sites, buildings, places and people that make our local communities special. Go to new places and revisit old ones. Discover and share the history and archaeology that is all around us.
Get out and explore your local community!

- Family friendly activities
- Guided heritage walks
- Talks from some of the counties' leading heritage experts
- Self-guided walks to enjoy at your own pace
- And many more activities, exhibitions and hands-on events across Leicestershire and Rutland

Find out more online at:
leicsfieldworkers.org/festival-of-archaeology
archaeologyuk.org/festival.html
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❁ Reception with The High Sheriff ❁

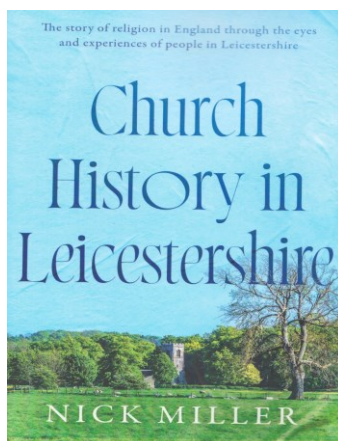


In March Len Holden attended a reception in Melton Mowbray as a representative of the Historical Society for an event organised by the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, Henrietta Chubb. This was to thank voluntary organisations in the community for their service and contributions.

In 2023 Richard Knox of the Leicestershire Museum Service and Len gave her a guided tour of Harborough Museum.

❁ BOOKS ❁

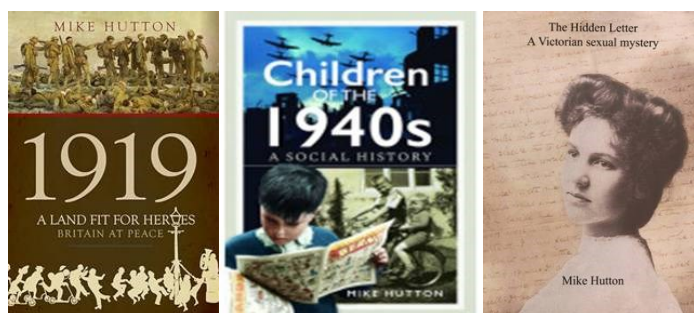
CHURCH HISTORY IN LEICESTERSHIRE



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. [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

✳ History books by local author Mike Hutton ✳

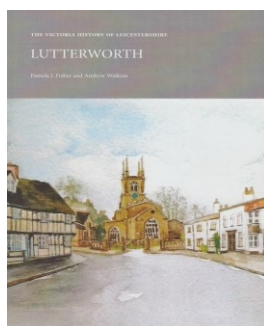


“1919: A Land Fit For Heroes” is available from Amazon and Abe Books, both priced at £3.95 (used) and £18 and Waterstones priced at £20.00.

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

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

These books can purchased from:

* **Quinn's Books (Chris):** Tel: 01858 – 432313, email: info@quinnshop.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 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 ***

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Market Harborough Historical Society was founded in 1931 and became a Registered Charity in 1984 and was re-registered in 2014 Charity No. 1157244