

September Meeting

Tuesday 11th September



The
Destruction
and
Demolition
of
Mountsorrel
By Robin
Davies

The Buttermarket survived-just

'Mountsorrel Uninterested In Butter Market'

MOST OF MOUNTSORREL is not interested in the preservation of the village's Butter Market, claimed Mr. S. Dimmock at a meeting of Barrow-on-Soar Rural Council.

He declared: "I would say 30 to 40 per cent of the residents in Mountsorrel are immigrants and they are not interested in it.

"The old age pensioners don't want a burden like that

Mr. W. R. Hallam suggested that a Ministry expert should be asked to advise how the cost of repairs could be kept to £500. The council agreed.

The Echo, Friday, November 16th, 1962

FUTURE OF MOUNTSORREL BUTTER MARKET

Concern was expressed at Tuesday's meeting of Barrow-on-Soar Rural Council over the future of Mountsorrel Butter Market. A builder's estimate of necessary repairs is £1,500, but the Parish Council, to which the cost would

be chargeable, does not intend to expend public money on the project.

But the Rural Council must make a final decision as to whether the authority in whom the responsibility is vested.

The Parish Council will

MINISTRY AND -OR BUTTER MARKET GOES

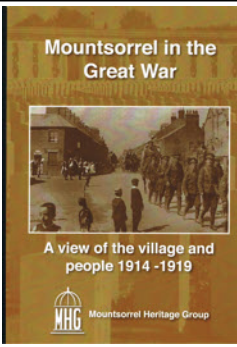
MOUNTSORREL Butter Market should be demolished unless the Ministry of Works are prepared to give more towards its upkeep, Barrow-on-Soar General Purposes Committee are to recommend to their rural council today.

The Ministry have offered £50 towards the cost of repairs to the Butter Market, which they are reluctant to see demolished, say

BUTTER MARKET FATE IN THE BALANCE

"A BUS SHELTER has been suggested, but we don't like Smith, clerk to the Mountsorrel Parish Council, when he spoke to a "Leicester Mercury" reporter to-day about the possibility of the ancient Butter Market, at Mountsorrel, being destroyed.

Some members did not think that the building, which was erected at the close of the 18th century by the Lord of the Manor, Sir John Danvers, had any real historical or cultural value to warrant its survival.



Mountsorrel in the Great War

We have virtually sold out of the initial print run of 250 and have taken the decision to order more.

Copies will be available for sale at the Monthly Meetings but if you would like to order one or more as Christmas presents please speak to the Treasurer.

Mountsorrel Armistice Centenary Commemoration 2018

With 2018 seeing the Centenary of the signing of the 1918 Armistice, the Group are working with the Mountsorrel Branch, Royal British Legion and other village Groups to mark this significant event. Whilst the full list of events is still being finalised and will appear in the press nearer the time Group are specifically involved in:

27th October–11th November, Mountsorrel Memorial Centre

In the Foyer of the Memorial Centre we will be mounting a display looking at the Casualties of both World Wars and the building of Castle Hill War Memorial. This will be the last in the series of WW1 displays that the Group have been mounting in the Memorial Centre since this Spring. The latest display was put in place on 26th August and will remain in place for the next month.

10th– 11th November, The Peace Garden

Working with the Mountsorrel Branch, Royal British Legion we will be setting out the Peace Garden in the form of a small War Cemetery to allow villagers to pay their respects to the individual casualties of both World Wars.

Just Giving Sponsorship Campaign

The campaign has now ended and raised £403 towards the publishing costs of the book. Additionally our chairman raised over £100 of sponsorship donations



Mountsorrel Archaeology

Following our test pit dig, reported in the June newsletter, Peter Liddle visited Mountsorrel this month to identify our finds.



Splash Ware Spit 4
12th century

Peter identified a range of pottery sherds- Pancheon Ware, Midland Purple Ware, Midland Yellow Ware, Cistercian Ware, German Stoneware, Mottle Ware, Potters Marston Ware, the earliest being Splash Ware from the 12th century.

All from our first test pit!

The first recorded mention of Mountsorrel is around 1148 in a charter between the Earl of Leicester and the Earl of Chester, so pottery from the 12th century takes us back to the very beginning of the village. Although at that time Mountsorrel was a town- a planned new town and borough, one of only three boroughs in the county.

Although Mountsorrel only goes back to the 12th century artefacts found in the village point to an earlier presence



Late Saxon loom weights



Early Bronze Age Pygmy Cup



Late Roman Grey Ware Jar

Wildlife

Wildflower Meadow

Scything and preparation of the Meadow for winter is planned to commence during the first week of September.

Birdlife

Over the last few years the Little Egret, formerly a occasional visitor, has become a breeding resident and many of you will have seen them around the river Soar valley and our local wildlife reserves. Now, probably encouraged by this year's exceptional summer, the Little Egret's bigger brother, the Great



Great White Egret

White Egret, now appears to be a resident. Over the last month or so the Great White Egret has been noted at, Swithland, Cropston and Thornton Reservoirs along, of course, with Rutland Water. Earlier in the

year and also in previous summers they have been seen at Mountsorrel Meadows Reserve. The question is, What next? Could we have Spoonbills resident?

Apart from being much bigger than the Little Egret which has a black beak, the Great White has a yellow beak. In size it is much the same as a Grey Heron.