



**May Meeting  
Tuesday 14th May 7.30. Memorial Centre**

## **Vikings in and Around Leicestershire**

**By Peter Liddle**

### **Museum and Exhibition Space**

The MHG are in the process of moving into the top floor room in the library. When the library was built and leased to the County Council it was always intended that the top room should be used to show the history & heritage of the village. But for whatever reason this never happened. The Parish Council have recently taken responsibility for the library and have asked the MHG to make it happen

One of our first actions was to order some display boards using a grant received from Charnwood Borough Council. They arrived this week

### **Exhibitions**

Our first exhibition will be called 'The Workhouse Comes Back to Mountsorrel.' It will be on loan from the Rothley Heritage Trust who created it with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF]. It will open on Tuesday 28th May for about two weeks



This will be followed in July with an exhibition celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christchurch

And in the longer term we intend to apply to the HLF for funding to transform the room into a space worthy of housing Mountsorrel's heritage

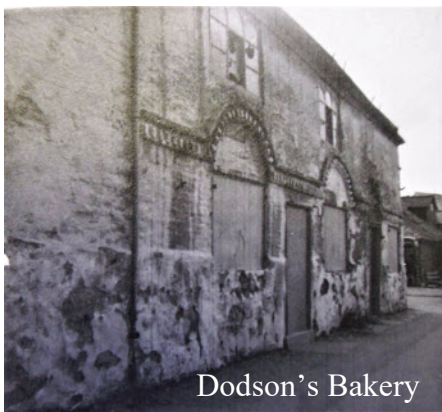
## Mountsorrel Library and Learning Centre

In 1912 the Seventh Earl of Lanesborough donated the site of 'Twiggs Cottage' to the congregation of Christchurch.

Church House was built as a Sunday School and function room.

In 2001 Church House was declared surplus to Christchurch's requirements and was acquired by The Antill Callaway Butherway Trust to ensure its long term use for community purposes.

The old library in Market Place was demolished and Church House restored and extended to become the Mountsorrel Library and Learning Centre



Note building detail from the old bakery reproduced on the new library

Demolition  
of the old  
Library



Renovation  
and extension  
for the new  
library



# Wildlife

## Navins Wildflower Meadow

Despite our gloomy prognostication last month we did in the end get at least half a dozen of the Snake's-Head Fritillaries in flower and as they went over to seed we've had our best show of mixed Cowslips and Oxlips to date.



*Wildflower Meadow 23 April 2019*

Primroses are not as prevalent this year but the Ladies Smock is already starting to flower and there's good early growth on the Ox-Eye Daisies and other later flowering plants.

## Peace Garden

We had two Work Party Days in the Peace Garden in April. The first was to start to sharpen the place up for spring and summer and at the same time we fixed the plaques in front of the two Armistice Centenary Memorial trees planted last November.



**Nicky Morgan Plaque**



**Edward Argar Plaque**

The second was to plant the Pyracantha funded by a Borough Councillor's Grant to the Mountsorrel Branch Royal British Legion. We planted 26 pyracantha along the Sibley lane wall and plan to trim these to a low wildlife friendly hedge which will have the added bonus of red berries for the autumn and early winter. The next work party day at the Peace Garden is planned for the morning of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. If you can help do come along you'll be very welcome. We plan to be weeding, edging and generally tidying up so simply bring your gardening tools and a smile!