
September Meeting : Tuesday 10 September 2019 : 7.30

The Lancaster **presented by Patrick Geary**

Revival

We had a successful day on Revival Sunday, making about £300. Two hundred bottles of wine or water and about 150 plants were sold.

Thanks to those who filled the bottles and donated the wine and those who donated the plants and ran the plant stall.



Plant stall



After a successful day we were once again dragged off to the pub by Patrick & Mary



Wine or water

Museum

Work continues on the archive, cataloguing books, photographic prints & artefacts and organising the admin area.

We have started work on our next exhibition which will be about the history of The Green and its residents.

We have currently got left only one copy of our book, Mountsorrel in the Great War. We are still receiving requests and have ordered a further small print run. These should be with us in late September.

The museum is open during normal library opening hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday



St John Ambulance Association

This is the front page of a document from the Moundsorrel St John Ambulance Association. It was given to the group for copying by Geoff Wainwright, and gives details of the use of its stretcher between 1895 and 1908. The stretcher was used on fifteen occasions.

A few have been transcribed below. The first two indicate that worshipping with the Primitive Methodists could be fatal!

‘To carry to her home in Freemans Yard the Body of Mrs Marriott who died in the Old Primitive Chapel Watling St during the Service on Sunday evening September 15th 1895’



Primitive Methodist chapel in Watling Street, built in 1848

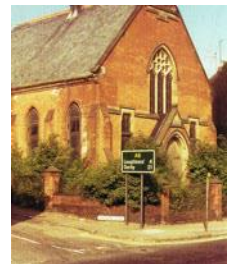
In 1891 Jane Marriott was a widow, a seamer aged 64 living in Freemans Yard with her son Albert and a boarder 12 year old Annie Shuttlewood. Freemans Yard was once situated on the Memorial Centre car park.

‘To carry Walter Barrs to his home 20 Quorn Road, he having died at the close of the Service in the New Primitive chapel Sunday Evening Oct 22nd 1905’

TRAGIC DEATH IN A CHAPEL AT MOUNTSORREL.

At the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday evening the service was brought to an abrupt termination by the death of Mr. Walter Barrs. The pastor, the end of the service Mr. Barrs was noticed to be in distress, and was making for the door. He was assisted to the vestry, but expired in about ten minutes and before the arrival of a medical man. The body was afterwards conveyed home on an ambulance stretcher.

The deceased gentleman, who was 45 years of age, was a member of the Primitive Methodist body, and was much esteemed in the village. In politics he was a firm Liberal. Although Mr. Barrs had been in failing health for some time, his sudden death under such circumstances caused a sensation in the village, and such sympathy is felt for the widow and family. This is the second sudden death in the same chapel within a short period.



New Primitive Methodist chapel in Loughborough Road

‘To carry John Speed, an Engine Driver at the New Reservoir from his lodgings to the Workhouse after attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat, Nov 27th 1895.’

John Speed was boarding with Mrs Sanderson in Robin Hoods Yard and had lately taken to drink. On the day in question having been refused entry the previous evening due to his excessive drunkenness he came to the house and was given a letter from his wife. He read the letter and said he would be a different man in five minutes. When he returned he took a razor from the top of the clock, turned his back and cut his throat. Mrs Sanderson screamed and called a neighbour who sent for Dr Paulson. The doctor dressed the wound and had him removed to the workhouse. The Navy missionary visited him there, said he was penitent and had signed the pledge.

‘To carry George Bishop to his home on The Green who had broken his leg while playing football Jan 4th 1896’

The match was between Moundsorrel Castle and Quorn Havelock

‘To carry a boy to his home at Loughborough after being knocked down by galloping horses on the Green Whit Monday, May 19th 1902’



Not on the Green, but somewhere in Moundsorrel in 1923 -best I could do!

‘To carry a drunken Navy to the workhouse who was believed to have broken his leg April 25th 1896. He turned out a Fraud.’

Wildlife

Navins Wildflower Meadow

Despite the vagaries of this summer's weather the Meadow has given us a good show of season long colour. Though it is now showing the signs of the end of the season and time for us to start planning the scything ready for the winter to come. As Autumn approaches the first fungi have sprouted in the tree line at the western edge of the Meadow and there are also spectacular puffball fungi in the adjacent Christ Church churchyard. Unless you are an expert in fungi identification we strongly recommend **not** eating any of them!

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden is showing the benefits of the regular monthly work parties and is the peaceful haven that it was originally planned to be. The last work party cut back the majority of the riverside growth which has resulted in visitors being able to see the river once more from the benches.

As with the Meadow we now need to plan the winter preparations including the winter feeding and selective pruning of the new Pyracantha hedge alongside Sibley Lane. The next work party morning is planned for Wednesday 18 September, with a further one planned for 30 October to ensure the Peace Garden is smart for Remembrance Sunday on 10 November and the Field of Remembrance Service on Armistice Day on Monday 11 November. Any and all support for the work party mornings is really appreciated. We will be in action from 09:00 to 12:30 but please come as and when you can, all you need are light gardening tools and a smile!

Birds

Traditionally as we approach September we used to look for Swallows gathering on the telegraph wires ready to depart south for the winter but as telegraph wires are in short supply our local area swallows seem to gather wherever they can. On Friday 23 August some of the flock of 50+ that were feeding over the river north of Mountsorrel Lock were using the handrail of the footbridge.

Something more exotic to look out for is a Sacred Ibis. The bird which is believed to be an escapee from a collection was enjoying Market Harborough in late July but last week (22 August) it was seen in Birstall.



Swallows on One Man Bridge 23 August 2019



The original One Man Bridge