



**October Meeting: Tuesday 8 October 2019  
Mountsorrel Memorial Centre at 7.30pm**

## **Mountsorrel War Memorials presented by John Doyle**

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The Team who researched and produced our book “**Mountsorrel in the Great War**” were very pleased to see the excellent review in the Autumn 2019 edition of The Leicestershire Historian, published by the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society.

### **MOUNTSORREL IN THE GREAT WAR: A VIEW OF THE VILLAGE AND PEOPLE 1914 – 1919**

This is a well researched book based on a wide variety of sources, particularly those relating to the military. It is also well illustrated with various documents and some truly amazing photographs of village scenes, servicemen, nurses, family photographs and many others. There are 14 chapters, the first one beginning with a review of the village at the time of the war. This is supported by a timeline from 1914 to 1919 which draws parallels between Mountsorrel, international and national news and the Leicestershire Regiment. Other chapters focus on Belgian refugees, Conscientious Objectors, Prisoners of War, Women in the Voluntary Aid Detachment, the Mountsorrel Territorials and the Yeomanry, and the village war dead & remembrance. Another chapter which is particular to Mountsorrel covers the role the local quarrymen played in the War and how their departure to serve impacted on the villagers and the quarry industry itself.

There is much information here that would be potentially useful for the family historian, including photographs, biographical information and the location of memorials and graves. It will also be of particular interest to the military historian with a considerable amount of space being given to the wider military background history and the build up to war.

The Mountsorrel Heritage Group should be congratulated for their dedication, enthusiasm and diligence in researching and writing a book that not only does credit to their skills, but to the people of Mountsorrel itself during the war.

Shirley Aucott

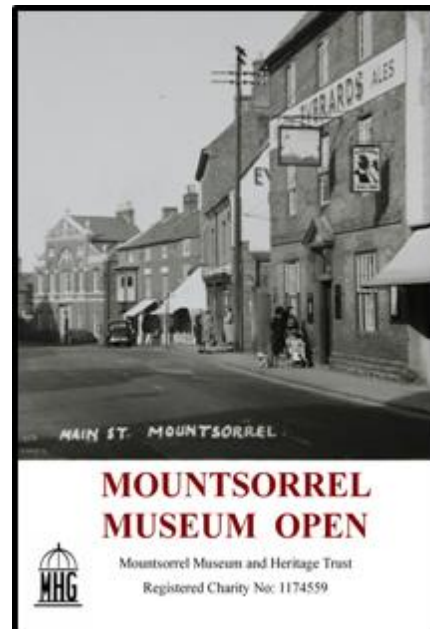
Copies of the book are once more available from the Museum priced £12

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# Museum

Work continues on the archive; Cataloguing books, photographic prints & artefacts and organising the administration area.

We have recently purchased a 42 inch touchscreen so that visitors may now browse through our photographic archive.



Work continues on our next exhibition which will be about the history of the Green and its residents.

We have applied to the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society for funding to purchase material for the exhibition.

We have digitised a few analogue recordings done in the 1980's of people who lived on The Green; they are mainly talking about their experiences during the First World War.

We are also interviewing former residents of The Green regarding their memories of living there.

If there are any residents or former residents who would like to come and talk to us please get in touch. Contact details can be found  
In fact if anyone has photographs, articles, artefacts or memories of The Green we would love to talk to you.

## Contact details:

| Name         | Position  | Email:   |
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*The museum is open during normal library opening hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday*

# Wildlife

## Navins Wildflower

Scything took place during the third week of September with the hay laid ready for lifting the following Monday ... just as the weather changed!

Despite the showers the job will soon be finished and the meadow will then lie quiet until the spring.

During the scything a dozen vole nests were found.



*18 September 2019 - Jeff getting to grips with the tricky bits by the treeline*



*24 September 2019 - Awaiting clearance in the rain*

## Peace Garden

Thanks to those who helped at the last Work Party Morning at the Peace Garden. The next session will be on Wednesday 30 October - any and all help is really appreciated. This next session will aim to ensure the Peace Garden is ready for:

**Remembrance Sunday : 10 November**

and the

**Field of Remembrance Service on Armistice Day : Monday 11 November**

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!

# Christ Church Graveyard

During the last week of September 2019 tree surgeons severely lopped the large Ash tree which stands by the Bower Room Drive. The tree is estimated to be 150 years old but this last 12 months it has been losing large boughs which have been a real hazard to passers-by. On investigation it was found to be infected with bracket fungus and hence therefore required surgery. The main trunk has been left to re-sprout.



*August 2019 - prior to surgery*



*25 September - working in the rain*



*26 September - the final bough being cut*



*26 September - the finished job*