

July Meeting

A Tour of Shepshed Water Mill

Tues 10th July

(Cost £3, meet at the Water Mill at 7.30)

August Meeting

Tuesday 14th August – A River Walk

- Meet:** Mountsorrel Library Bus Stop (Leicester Direction).
- Transport:** Catch the 19:13 127 Service alighting at Rothley Cross Roads (the former Red Lion) at 19:19.
- Walk:** Down Syston Rd to the River Soar, take the western footpath (ie before the Osier Cottage Bridge) and follow the western bank to Sibley Lock and footbridge. Cross to the eastern bank and continue to Mountsorrel Lock. Route takes us past a now nationally important nature Reserve (Cossington Meadows) and two local reserves (Mountsorrel Meadows and Mountsorrel Marshes)
- Footpath state:** Level and firm (unless there's heavy rain), clear footpath well used (no dog muck visible as at 21 June). Obstacles: 4 x Stiles between Sibley foot bridge and Mountsorrel Lock. These can be avoided by taking the direct path to Mountsorrel at Sibley lock.
- Distance:** 2.75 miles (max)
- Time:** Approx an hour and a half at a slow pace
- Light:** Sunset 20:32 then civil twilight until 21:11
- Refreshments:** Available at The Waterside or The Swan at the end of the walk.
- Toilets:** None en route but available at The Swan or The Waterside at the end of the walk

Website

We have a technical problem with the website which means we cannot add any new posts. It can however be viewed as normal.

Mountsorrel in the Great War

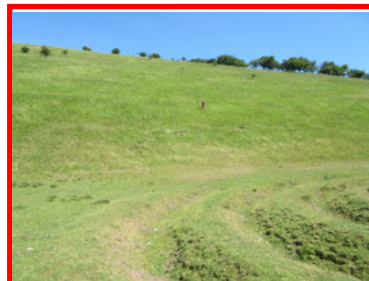
We are now in the process of printing! Those who have prepaid orders will be able to collect them from the Memorial Centre on the morning of Saturday 4th August (10:30 – 12:30) and the book will be on general sale at Revival (Sunday 12th August) when the Group will be at the Parish Rooms. We still need to raise money to cover the cost of printing-to date only three members have joined the sponsorship campaign.

John Hingley visited eight memorials on 13 June and collected sponsorship money from his work colleagues

I gave up cycling for a week, and taking my photographer with me, walked 100 miles from Hull (Hessle) to Filey, visiting war memorials on the way.



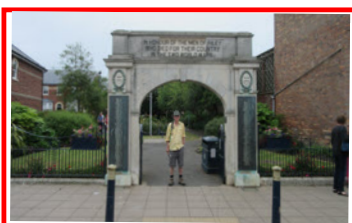
Hull Station on route to Hessle



My photographer trying to escape



Near Thixendale



Filey



Poor old photographer getting a helping hand at journey's end

Blast from the Past

We are in the process of digitising the burial records of the Mountsorrel Cemetery

A vestry meeting of the North End of Mountsorrel was convened on the 30 March 1858 for the special purpose of determining whether a new burial ground should be provided for the township of Mountsorrel North. It was agreed and a burial board was formed.

At a vestry meeting of the North End of Mountsorrel on the 29 June 1858 the burial board was authorised to borrow £1000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or elsewhere to purchase land and erect a chapel or chapels and lay out the land as a burial ground. The loan plus interest to be charged to the future poor rate of the North End of Mountsorrel at the rate of £50 pa

At a further meeting on 2 November 1858 it was agreed to purchase, from John Woodruff, a piece of land called Castle Hill situated on the west side of the turnpike road leading from Mountsorrel to Quorndon. The purchase price was £300

Two chapels were built, one for Church of England burials and one for the Non Conformists. The former were buried in consecrated ground on the right as you face the chapels, the latter in non consecrated ground on the left.

The first recorded burial was that of Frederick Kirchin, aged 3 weeks, on May 13th 1859.

Note it took just over a year to make the decision, borrow the money, buy the land, build the chapels, lay out the cemetery and carry out the first burial

There are two burial books-consecrated and unconsecrated. The first page of the consecrated book is shown below. Thirteen of the first twenty burials were children under the age of five.



| MOUNTSORREL NORTH REGISTER OF BURIALS | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| NO. | DATE | NAME | AGE | RANK or PROFESSION | ABODE | ABODE |
| 1 | May 23 | Mary Mitchell | 36y | wife of J. Mitchell | Mountsorrel North | |
| 2 | Dec 11 th | Eliza Squires | 26y | Widow of Mr. Squires | Mountsorrel North | |
| 3 | Dec 6 th | Ann Smith | 29y | | Leicester | |
| 4 | Dec 31 st | Mary Holmes | 34y | wife of W. Holmes | Mountsorrel North | |
| 5 | Jan 22 nd | Ann Best | 63y | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 6 | March 25 | James Sharp | 15 days | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 7 | March 25 | Ann Ward | 5m | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 8 | March 25 | Joseph Holmes | 18w | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 9 | April 5 | Sarah Ann Newbold | 15m | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 10 | April 9 | Sarah Sharp | 4w | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 11 | May 16 | Ann Wright | 7m | | Leicester | |
| 12 | June 17 | Mannah Sharp | 23y | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 13 | July 16 | Joseph Sharp | 7w | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 14 | July 26 | Thomas Sharp | 9w | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 15 | Oct 19 1854 | William Davis | 5y | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 16 | Jan 15 th | Emma Neal | 2 days | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 17 | April 16 | Joseph Newbold | 17 hours | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 18 | May 6 th | Ward | | | | |
| 19 | June 14 th | James Davis Hancock | 2w | | Mountsorrel North | |
| 20 | June 22 nd | Davis | 3 days | | Mountsorrel North | |

Archaeological Test Pit

Fresh from organising a successful Petanque evening Maggie organised a dig in the garden of 28 Market Place. This was planned as a practise dig with the intention of further digs in the village.

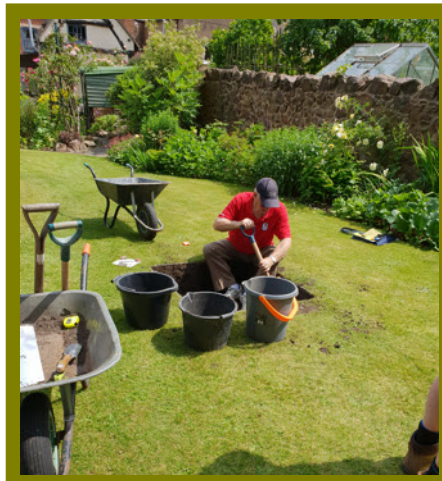
The test pit was a metre square and the soil from each 10 cm spit was sifted and any artefacts found washed and bagged. Lots of material was found with parts of clay pipes and animal bones being found in all seven spits.

We now need someone to interpret the finds.



The Washers

(hubble bubble toil and trouble)



The Digger

(sitting down on the job again)



The Sifters

(not another frigging bone!)



The Foreman

(looking puzzled again)



Spit 1



Spit 4



Spit 6

Peace Garden Work Party 27 June

We had another (if hot!) morning's work at the Peace Garden on 27th June. The general upkeep work through weeding and edging etc. Coupled a change in the way the Council's contractor deals with the grass is really raising the standard and making the Garden become, as it was intended, an asset to the village. It was good to see Noel come over to (gently) supervise us



Peace Garden 27th June 2018 – After the Work Party had finished

Next Work Party Morning

Wednesday 8th August 10:00 – 12:30

Wildflower Meadow

The lushness of last month is burning off in the heat and dry weather we've experienced at the end of June, but the current show of Ox-Eye daisies and knapweed is the best we have had since the start of the project. They and other plants are attracting butterflies and moths with numbers of Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper flitting around. More noticeable in the last days of the month have been 5 and 6 spot Burnet Moths flying, especially over the Knapweed and caterpillars of Cinnabar moths chomping the Ragwort.



*Wildflower Meadow
11 June 2018*



6-Spot Burnet Moth 24 June 2018



Mature and Immature Cinnabar Moth Caterpillars

The Cinnabar Moth females lay eggs on the underside of the Ragwort leaves, which as they hatch, and develop they feed on. The caterpillars are at first pale yellow but soon develop bright yellow and black stripes to deter predators. They store the poison from the Ragwort leaves in their body and any birds that ignore the bright colours are sickened by the foul taste.