

## Museum

The latest date for moving into the Parish rooms has gone back to May/June 2018.

## Archive

At the moment most of the material we have collected about the village is sitting on laptops. This needs to be reviewed, organised and further researched where necessary. It then needs to be printed so that, when we open the museum, we will have a series of easily accessible files for visitors to browse. If anyone is interested in helping and would like to find out more please contact Keith Foster at 01162106041 or at keithdavid77@gmail.com

## Talks

Next year talks will be in the new Memorial Centre, reverting to the second Tuesday in the month. We have had to increase the entry fee to £3 for members and £4 for non members. Annual membership remains at £5.

The first talk, on 9th January, is the 'Green Bike Murder' by Jeremy Robson. This was one of Britain's most celebrated and controversial murder cases of the 20th century.

In 1919 Emma Wright was killed by a single bullet wound to the face, and on the evening of her death, she had been seen cycling in the company of an unknown man riding a green bicycle.....

Jeremy is a barrister who lectures in law at Nottingham University. He has given presentations to us before, on 'Birds' and on 'The History of Law Making'.

The February talk is 'Quorn Camp- A POW camp and the Americans' by Sue Templeman.

## Message from the Chairman

Merry Christmas everyone and can you please save any wine bags for our wine or water fund raising exploits

**PTO for Christmas greetings (sort of)**

## **Blast from the Past**

**1880's-Christmas treats from two wealthy men associated with Mountsorrel**

**(One more generous than the other)**

Theodore Augustus Tucker Castledine, a wealthy landowner, *'with his usual liberality, has presented to each of his cottage tenants a piece of beef, for which they are truly thankful'*

R F Martin, the quarry manager *'entertained 50 of the aged poor with dinner at the Red Lion Coffee House, The bill of fare, as in previous years, consisted of seasonable viands. After dinner the tables were cleared, and tobacco and pipes were provided for those who chose to "take" the fragrant weed, with a glass of beer. Subsequently, a substantial tea was served. Mr. R. F. Martin welcomed his guests, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them again. A capital programme of songs, etc., was provided for the evening,*

In this old Christmas card, looking down Leicester Road towards The Green, you can see two pubs. The yellow three storey building was the Stag and Pheasant, and the building with the pub sign was the King William IV. The Stag and Pheasant has been demolished and replaced by Chestnut Court.



Harry Kirchin, a quarry worker, was born in the Stag and Pheasant, but with his two brothers emigrated to America. He settled in a town called Granite Quarry working for the Harris Granite Company which was world-renowned for Balfour Pink Granite



Harry's granddaughter, Cathy Kirchin, sent us this photo of the Stag and Pheasant taken by her father, on a visit in 1966.

This is our stall at the Festive Food, Drink and Gift event in the new Memorial Centre before the crowds arrived. We had a small exhibition on the history of the Memorial Hall and information on our proposed book: 'Mountsorrel in the Great War  
A view of the village and its people 1914-1919'



It was estimated that there were over 2000 visitors that day, and it seemed that Brian spoke to them all, and what's more invited them all to join us.

P.S. If anyone is interested in helping to create the physical archive, below is a selection of the topics that need to be organised, checked, researched, corrected, transcribed etc:

Adverts	Apprentice Indentures	Bakeries	Doctors	Galas
Baptists	Births, Baptisms,	Brickworks	Electors' Registers	Geology
Buttermarket	Castle	Cemetery	Enclosures	George Green
Census 1841-1871	Christchurch	Christchurch School	Families	Glovers
Church Wardens	Danvers	Deaths	Framework Knitters	Headstones Baptists
King Arthur and Mountsorrel	Lindens	Maps	Market and fair	Marriages
Memorial hall	Methodists	Military	Mountsorrel hills	Nichols
Newspaper cuttings	Parish boundaries	Quarry - America	Population	Pubs