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Welcome to the latest edition of the LAHS Newsletter. Contributions to future editions are welcome at any time. Send them to the editor, Cynthia Brown, at newsletter@lahs.org.uk or by post c/o Honorary Librarian, Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society, The Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester, LE1 5FQ.

LAHS NEWS

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 May 2018

Let Steeple Bells be Swungen': the history and archaeology of bells and bell-founding

Chris Pickford, John Taylor Bellfoundry Museum and Archive, Loughborough

This is the final lecture of the 2017 – 18 season. More details of the 2018 – 19 programme will be provided in future Newsletters, but dates confirmed for September – November 2018 are below. Lectures take place at 7.30 pm at New Walk Museum, Leicester unless otherwise indicated. Members are requested to arrive in good time to avoid disruption to the lectures.

Thursday 27 September 2018

Scarborough Lecture

A Divers Panoply: the far-flung residences of the medieval Bishops of Lincoln

David Stockland

Thursday 1 November 2018

Sex, Shoes and Money: how shoemaking made Leicester famous

David Holmes

Wednesday 21 November 2018 at The Guildhall, Leicester

LAHS Annual General Meeting

To be followed by an update on the Bradgate Park excavations by Richard Thomas

LAHS LIBRARY

Please note that the Library will be closed on Sunday 3 June, when the Hon. Librarian is unable to attend. Apologies for any inconvenience. A catalogue of the Library is available online at www.le.ac.uk/lahs/library/index.html, searchable by author or title, and including periodicals. Additions to stock since August 2017 are set out below. These were all published in 2017 unless otherwise indicated.

Books and pamphlets

- AGE UK OADBY & WIGSTON Memories of a generation. Ltd. ed. of 500.
- AMOS, D. & BRABER, N. Coal mining in the East Midlands.
- BARKER, M. Letters to Mercury: the socialist fightback in Leicester. 2015.
- BARTLETT, A. & GREENWOOD, M. Midland Red in Leicester: the early years and related anniversaries celebrated in 2017, involving four garages and Arriva. Mike Greenwood Publishing, 11 Elliott Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester, LE3 3FA, £12.95 incl. p.&p. This is attractive, informative and extensively illustrated. Donated by the joint author and publisher.
- BATTELL, M. & LIGGINS, O. History of the ancient parish church of All Saints Narborough. 2 ed. [c.201-]
- BOYES, J. A footprint in time: an appreciation. Essex Archaeological & Historical Congress 1964 – 2000. [2000]. Free copy with Essex Society for Archaeology and History Newsletter, Winter 2017.
- BRABER, N., ASHMORE, C., HARRISON, S. Pit talk of the East Midlands (coal miners' dialect).
- BRANDWOOD, G. & JOHNSON, D. Market Harborough parish church St. Dionysius: a brief history. new ed. 2012.
- Brief history of Belgrave Cemetery. 2016.
- BROWN, A. Green bicycle mystery: the curious death of Bella Wright.
- CHARNWOOD GREAT WAR CENTENARY PROJECT For the Fallen of All Saints and Holy Trinity Loughborough. Donated by the publisher Charnwood Arts.
- Collegiate and parish church of St. Mary de Castro Leicester official guide and history. rev. ed. 2016.
- FISHER, P. Buckminster and Sewstern. (Victoria History of Leicestershire). Leics. V.C.H. Trust. Donated by the author.
- HARWOOD, D. ed. History of Ratby Vol. 5. Ratby Local History Group. Donated by the editor. Includes 'William Ewart Astill of Ratby: Leicestershire and England cricketer'.
- HILLIER, K. "Come on the Tigers!": the story of Philip E. Bent, V.C., D.S.O.. Foreword by Lord Ashcroft. Ashby-de-la-Zouch Museum. Donated by the author.
- KNAPP, S. High flying around: memories of the 1960s Leicester music scene.
- LITTLE BOWDEN SOCIETY Aspects of Little Bowden.
- Lost legends: 30 years 30 voices. 30 years of Black History Month in Leicester.
- LYONS, A. Architecture of the universities of Leicester. 3rd ed.
- Mary Annie Sloane, A.R.E, 1867 – 1961: a portrait of the artist. 2016. Mentions her long L.A.H.S. membership.
- Memories of Leicester 1930 to 1970. (True North Books).
- MYERS, K. In plain sight: based on the true story of Leicester's Jesuit martyr. Fictional account of the life of Fr. William Bentney.
- NATIONAL TRUST Stoneywell Cottage: a souvenir guide. 2015.
- ORTON, L. I had it in me: a memoir. 2016. Growing up on a Leicester council estate in the 1940s and 1950s.
- OSBORNE, M. Defending Leicestershire and Rutland. Donated by the publisher Fonthill Media.
- PITT, S. Peckleton: an English village, from horses to aeroplanes. 2002.
- St. Mary de Castro and Richard III. 2016.
- SALTER, M. Castles of the East Midlands. 2002.
- SATO, K. Research Centre for the History of Religious and Cultural Diversity discussion paper no. 8. 2018. Includes the 'Life Story of Sarah Levitt, Leicester'. Donated by Prof. Sato, Meiji University, Tokyo, via Cynthia Brown.

SHELDON, N. Little book of Leicestershire.

WALLIS, A. Hinckley's medieval priory. Part one, 2010. Part two, 2016. Hinckley Archaeological Society.

WESSEL, C. Harry Simpson Gee 1842 – 1924: Leicester businessman, banker, philanthropist and family man. 2010.

Year Book for the use of members of the Council of the Borough of Leicester 1897-8. Originally the property of Councillor John Popple of W. Humberstone ward. Diary and much information on the Council and membership of Committees. Donated by Mr. O. Cufflin.

Periodicals

The regular titles continue to be received. Some items of particular local interest are:

Antiquaries Journal 97 Kneeling bishops: variations on a sculptural theme by Francis Leggett Chantrey (1781-1840). Mentions the Finch monument, Burley-on-the-Hill.

Birmingham & Warwickshire Archaeological Society Transactions 119 2016-7 James Pickering and the search for cropmarks in Warwickshire – a personal memoir, by Robert Hartley.

British Archaeology Nov/Dec 2017 Anglo-Saxon king's grave found in Rutland?

Jan/Feb 2018 Glenfield Park; Sir David Attenborough, the Celtic bowl and the great auk

Derbyshire Archaeological Journal 137 2017 Roman sling-shots from Walton, by R. Thomas, Witan Archaeology, Leicestershire.

English Place-Name Society Journal 48 2016 Thrussington field names – an addendum

Historical Research 91.251 Feb. 2018 Simon de Montfort's sheriffs 1264-5

Specific local titles. We are grateful to the various editors and publishers for their donations:

East Midland History and Heritage
Harborough Historian
Hinckley Historian
Rutland Record

Thoroton Society Transactions (Nottinghamshire). In a long-standing exchange arrangement, we have received Vol. 120 2016. We still await the volumes for 2003 and 2007 – 2015.

Vaughan Archaeological and Historical Society. This society has now ceased. The Library only has one hard copy of its Transactions (no. 21 1974), so we are grateful to Keith Hammersley, a member of both Societies, for the generous donation of a DVD (for use on a PC/laptop) which has files from 1947 – 2017 of Transactions and Newsletters.

De Montfort University Special Collections archives and rare books has published its first Newsletter (Nov. 2017) and an information leaflet. Both are available for reference in the Library. Future newsletters should be received.

Civil War

Thanks to the good offices of Cynthia Brown we are grateful to one of her students for the donation of a collection of material relating to the Civil War in Leicestershire and the East Midlands. It consists of books, pamphlets and photocopies of periodical articles and extracts from books: a ready-made research resource.

Aubrey Stevenson, Hon. Librarian.

LAHS HISTORY FAIR

On 15 April 15 LAHS held its third successful History Fair at Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse, attended by an estimated 2500 – 3000 visitors. It commemorated the centenary of the First World War in Leicestershire and Rutland, with 34 local history groups, projects, and museums exhibiting their research into how the conflict affected their locality. Joe Hall reports that ‘a great day was had by visitors and stallholders alike. Many stallholders added new members to their organisations, and one noted that by the end of the day they had spoken to 110 adults and 20 children! The various talks were also very popular, covering the themes of Leicester at war; the role of local suffragettes; a midland tank crew at Passchendaele; the history of the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment; and a recreation of the court-martial of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment’s Joseph Nisbet, who was executed in 1918.

Talks on other topics were also very well received. These included a roundup archaeology in Leicester after Richard III; an introduction to the county’s beautiful Swithland slate headstones; a delve into the life of local knight and notorious ‘hothead’ Sir William Turville; and a look at Viking influence in the East Midlands. The talks on the Vikings and Archaeology after Richard III were so popular that we will be offering them again as part of the Festival of Archaeology later in the summer. The History Fair also included an archaeology marquee in the grounds of Beaumanor Hall, where the Roman mosaic unearthed at the Stibbe site in Leicester city centre drew a large crowd of visitors, and the object handling and finds identification stalls were also busy throughout the day. Feedback from the day was very positive, with many visitors saying they would like to see more events in future which bring together local groups to publicly display the county’s history.

LAHS TREASURER

Our present Treasurer, David Howell, has decided to stand down at the November AGM. This is a key position within the Society and, if possible, we would like it to be filled by an existing member. The role involves managing the Society’s accounts, timely payment of invoices, and liaising with our accountants and financial advisors. The ideal person will have some accountancy or other financial experience, but this is not an absolute requirement. David is happy to provide more information, so please speak with him at one of our lectures, email him at treasurer@lahs.org.uk, or telephone him on 0116 254 1395 or 07940 842184.

LAHS AND THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Members may be aware that new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are coming into force in May 2018, and these require us to explain how your individual data will be used. LAHS holds very limited personal data: names, postal and email addresses, gift aid declaration and if you supplied it, your telephone number. These are held and used only to fulfil our obligations to members, that is, to alert you to meetings and relevant events, supply copies of our publications and remind you of overdue subscriptions. We are happy to provide any member with a copy of their information, and to correct any errors.

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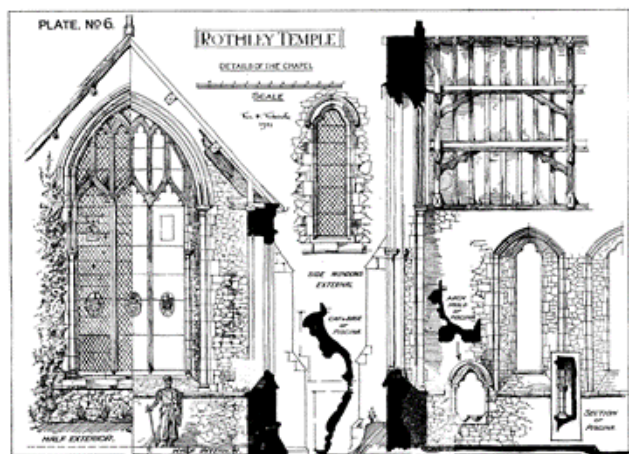
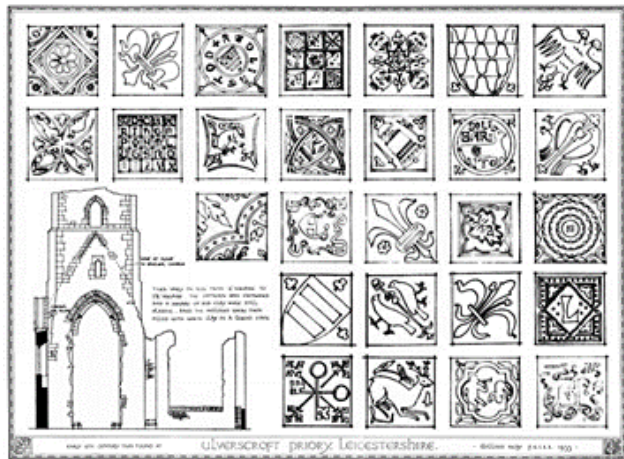
NEW – LAHS POSTCARDS

After re-digitising older volumes of Transactions, it was noted that the higher resolution scans had reproduced the drawings which accompanied various articles in sufficiently high quality to allow them to be printed as stand-alone images. As a trial run, we have taken three such images and had them printed as postcards (A6, glossy, 235 g/m² card weight), which we are selling for £1 each.

The **Leicester Castle** sketches (top right) were taken from Vol.22 (1941-42), and were drawn by Mr. S.H. Barnet, a friend of the article's author Mr Levi Fox. The **Ulverscroft Priory** image (middle right) has been created from the Priory plans published in Vol.18 (1933-35) by William and Margaret E. Keay. In the original the tiles are shown as border decoration to the main plan and section drawings. The **Rothley Temple** image (bottom right) was published in Vol.12 (1920-21) in the article 'The History of Rothley', by T.H. Fosbrooke, G. Farnham, Rev. J. Wallace Watts, and A. Hamilton Thompson.

To purchase a postcard, send a self-addressed envelope to the below address. Please include a note stating which postcard(s) you would like, and how many, and enclose a cheque for the total amount (£1 each).

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OTHER NEWS

EMPIRE SOLDIERS – A SOUTH ASIAN STORY

Leicester-based arts and heritage group Metro-Boulot-Dodo (MBD) has received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to research the stories of South Asian troops in World War I, migration from South Asia to the UK, and the 100 years since, and is looking for people to interview about their family history or own personal experiences. The research will be used to make a virtual reality film as part of its 'Empire Soldiers' series, which already features a film made in 2017 focusing on the stories of Caribbean soldiers in World War I. This can be viewed at <http://mbd.limited/empire-soldiers> or on Youtube at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** If you can help, please contact Charlotte Angharad, tel 07397 003582/0116 2533439, or email charlotte@metro-boulot-dodo.com. There is more information about the project at www.metro-boulot-dodo.com.

GREEN PLAQUE SCHEME – UPDATE

A plaque in honour of Lady Florence Dixie, author, explorer and campaigner for women's rights, will be unveiled in May 2018 at her former home Bosworth Hall, now Bosworth Hall Hotel. A new round of nominations will soon be going to a public vote. For details, see www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/green-plaque-awards-scheme.

HOUSING IN LOUGHBOROUGH 1883 – 1890

An article by Dave Postles, 'Building for a borough: housing and the building process in Loughborough, 1883 – 1890' is available as a free download from his academia.edu page at <https://independent.academia.edu/DavePostles>.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EDUCATION IN IBSTOCK – FREE EXHIBITION

Saturday 9 June 2018, 10 am – 12.30 pm, Centenary Room, The Palace Community Centre, High Street, Ibstock, LE67 6LH; Saturday 16 June 2018, 10 am – 12 midday, Ibstock Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Ibstock, LE67 6HF

This year marks the bicentenary of the building and opening of Ibstock's National School. Leicestershire VCH are presently researching the history of Ibstock, for publication as a paperback in 2020, and marking this event by a special exhibition on the history of Ibstock's schools. The National School was not the first school in the village – schoolmasters are recorded in the 17th century, and there was a school house by 1731 – but these early schools were very small and dependent upon attracting schoolmasters requiring no salary beyond what could be earned from fee-paying pupils. The exhibition will trace the development of all of Ibstock's schools, from the 17th century to the present day, including the early schools, Sunday schools, secondary schools and the Mining and Technical Education Centre. It will cover not just the administrative history of the schools, but also the social side – the pupils, their teachers and how the schools provided free breakfasts for children during mining strikes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The exhibition is free, and there will be a free competition with a prize. Ibstock Historical Society will also be present on 9 June, and there will be a small display about the history of Ibstock's Baptist community at the event on 16 June. Refreshments will be available at both venues.

FRIENDS OF THE RECORD OFFICE FOR LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 16 May, 7.30 pm at the Record Office

This will be followed by 'It just came apart in my hands': or looking after your family memorabilia – a talk by Karena Fry, Archive Conservator.

FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY 2018

The 2018 Festival of Leicestershire and Rutland Archaeology will be launched in the grounds of Jewry Wall Museum and at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 8 July. Over 50 events will take place from 14 – 30 July. See www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology-2018/ for more details. LAHS is contributing two lectures to the programme – see below. Doors open and cash bar from 7pm, talk begins 7.30pm. Booking essential – tel 0116 2532569.

The Danelaw Saga: How the Vikings Never Left the East Midlands

Dr Roderick Dale, The Guildhall, Leicester, Monday 16 July, 7 - 8.30pm, £4.50

Without the Vikings the East Midlands would be a very different place to the one we know and recognise today. Dr Roderick Dale will look at the Vikings' impact on the region, examine the many ways in which their influence shaped the various East Midlands identities, and show how – contrary to popular belief - they never really left our shores.

Archaeology after Richard III: Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Leicester

Mathew Morris, The Guildhall, Leicester, Monday 23 July: 7 - 8.30pm, £4.50

Every facet of Leicester's rich history survives to some degree beneath the city's streets waiting to be rediscovered. In this talk, Mathew Morris looks at some of the latest projects carried out in and around Leicester's historic core by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS). From Roman cemeteries to a medieval friary, castle, and 17th century civil war defences, recent discoveries showcase Leicester's rich and fascinating history.

LEICESTER CIVIC SOCIETY

Saturday 2 June 2018

Annual General Meeting, Newarke Houses Museum, Leicester, 10.30 am

All members and friends are welcome. The AGM will be followed by an illustrated lecture on Joseph Merrick, the 'Elephant Man' by Joanne Vigor-Mungovin.

Saturday 16 June 2018, 10.30 am

Radical Leicester

Cynthia Brown

Visit places associated with Leicester's radical history from the 18th century in this intriguing walk around the city centre - 2 hours from the Clock Tower. Further details are available at www.leicestercivicsociety.org.uk.

COTESBACH EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Saturday 7 July 2018, 1.30 pm, Cotesbach Educational Trust, Main Street, Cotesbach, Lutterworth, LE17 4HX

Shami Chakrabarti will talk about her latest book *Of Women: In the 21st Century*. For further details, call 01455 558 373 or email hello@cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS

11TH CENTURY STIRRUP MOUNTS FROM PECKLETON

Wendy Scott, Finds Liaison Office for the Leicestershire Portable Antiquities Scheme, writes about these finds: These Anglo-Scandinavian objects are amongst my favourite things to record and are very interesting for several reasons. Firstly, a pair of stirrup mounts is an extremely rare find (PAS ref. LEIC-8C54F0 and LEIC-8D1AC0). We only know of one other probable pair, from Bicester, Oxfordshire (BERK-2339E4 and BERK-230A90). It is very difficult to accidentally lose a pair of these mounts in the same location, so they may be a site loss or may even indicate a burial.



LEIC-8D1AC0 Peckleton



LEIC-8C54F0 Peckleton

Secondly, this new pair is a rare type (Williams class A, type 8 variant) with a triangular form and very angular decoration. Two similar ones are featured in David Williams' book, *Late Saxon Stirrup Strap Mounts*, one from Wooton Warwen, Warwickshire and one from Brewood, Staffordshire. Before the pair was found I had recorded one very similar example from Melton, Leicestershire (LEIC-AF8883). A quick search on the database revealed a small cluster of 11 similar mounts, most from the Midlands, except for (LVPL2270) from Cheshire and a very worn example from Southwold (SF-5883A1). Of the nine from the Midlands, four have been found in Leicestershire. One from North Warwickshire (WMID-8EF778) has the same shape and raised border as this pair, but its projections have three bulges, perhaps an attempt at an animal head? Others do have clear animal heads, with no sign of geometric panels. One of these is from Bottesford, Leics. (LIN-CED111) with foliate decoration and is very similar to one from Swineshead, Lincs. (LANCUM-70FE8E). There is even one from the aptly named village of Styrrup, North Nottinghamshire (SWYOR-918CD4).



LEIC-AF8883 Melton



LEIC-CED111 Bottesford

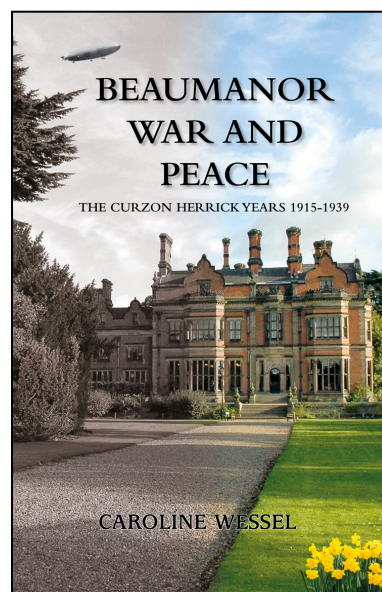
Finally, because of the good practice of finders, I know they were found in a large scatter of early Medieval and Medieval material. This includes a good collection of spindle whorls of a form thought to date to the later early medieval period (700-1100AD). Very close to the mounts was a penny of William the Conqueror ([LEIC-40F5AD](#)) and a probable early medieval mount ([LEIC-A19EA9](#)). To the south we have an interesting 11th C. silver brooch ([WMID-B1C4E3](#)) with a runic inscription. The area has a good scatter of medieval finds, including coins dating to 12th – 14th centuries. This assemblage is very informative when placed in the landscape. To the north of the scatter we have the medieval (14th C.) church of St Mary Magdalene, which has a Norman font, hinting at an earlier church. This is now stranded in fields to the south of its village, where another stirrup mount was found ([LEIC-C97582](#)). This scatter of early medieval material could suggest an early manor site, or that the origins of the village lie in the 9th or 10th Century (it is listed in Domesday as 'Pechintone' – 4 households). It could also indicate that it's a shrunken medieval village or that focus of settlement has moved north. To view the objects mentioned please go to www.finds.org.uk/database.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary as a national programme. It is run by the British Museum and National Museum Wales to encourage the recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. Finds recorded with the Scheme help advance knowledge of the history and archaeology of England and Wales. Follow #PAS15 on Instagram and Twitter to see our best discoveries or visit <http://finds.org.uk/treasure/advice/treasure20> for a list of all the institutions taking part in Treasure20 and the Treasures they have on display.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

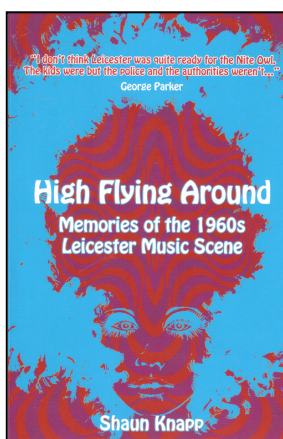
BEAUMANOR WAR AND PEACE: THE CURZON HERRICK YEARS 1915 - 1939

This new history of Beaumanor Hall has recently been published by LAHS Committee member Caroline Wessel. 'Until now', she writes: 'very little has been known about life at Beaumanor in the Edwardian era, during WW1, or in the 1920s.; but recent extensive research, unexpected access to revealing private correspondence, contact with present-day relatives, and the discovery of a huge hoard of hitherto uncatalogued documents have uncovered some astonishing – and even shocking – facts'. The book explores the First World War at national, social, local and personal levels, both the world of military combat and the home front around Beaumanor, along with the lives of William Curzon -who inherited the Beaumanor estates in 1915 - his wife, friends, contemporaries and local families. The 1920s Beaumanor Visitors' Book, whose 757 signatures include famous people from almost every walk of life, is used to recreate the lavish post-war parties at the Hall. The official launch event in April was hosted by the Chairman of the County Council, and attended by the Lord Lieutenant, other civic dignitaries and guests including Mr Monny Curzon-Herrick, whose father was the last person to inherit Beaumanor in 1945. The buffet supper included ideas from some 1920s Fortnum & Mason (F&M) menus, as these were supplied to the author by the F&M archivist for inclusion in the publication: Quorn railway archives record that F&M hampers were sent down to Beaumanor by train for their lavish house parties! The book is 288 pages long, with 16 pages of illustrations, and costs £9. It can be obtained from Beaumanor Hall, Old Woodhouse LE12 8TX; The Café Next Door, 94 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8RZ; Quorn and Woodhouse Railway, Quorn, LE12 8AJ Leicestershire County Museums and the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland at Wigston; and Clarendon Books, 144 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester LE2 3AE.



HIGH FLYING AROUND - MEMORIES OF THE 1960S MUSIC SCENE

Something a little different... Colin Hyde writes of Shaun Knapp's book *High Flying Around*: 'While the Leicester of the 1960s might not have spawned pop groups as famous as the Beatles or the Rolling Stones, it was a vibrant scene that featured many talented individuals and groups. The book charts the growth of local group Legay from their origins in 1966 to their eventual demise as the nationally known Gypsy in 1974. The second half looks at other aspects of the 1960s scene in Leicester, including the venues, bands, individuals, and local management agency Klock. The story of Legay is similar to many other bands, but this is a Leicester story and the music, fashion, fights, drugs and quests for glory are all told very well. Venues such as the Nite Owl and the Burlesque, and bands such as Pesky Gee, are often remembered and talked about, but this is possibly the first time they have written about in any detail'. The text combines personal memories and original research and commentary, and is illustrated with black and white photos. It is published by DB Publishing, 2017, 208pp, ISBN 9781780915500, £14.99.



A HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE

LAHS started its existence in 1855 as the Leicestershire Architectural and Archaeological Society. Here is an extract from an article by Rev. Edward Trollope F.S.A., rector of Leasingham, Lincolnshire, on 'The use and abuse of red bricks', published in the first volume of its *Transactions* (1855-56).

'BRICKS, and especially "red" bricks, are almost always mentioned with great disrespect in connexion with architecture; so that, when admirers of that noble science hear upon their travels, of a town, or a church, or, indeed, of any building constructed of brick, they usually say to their drivers, "On, on! there is no pleasure or even repose for our own eyes there; do not deposit us in a locality where one side of the way is glowing, with a coarsely ruddy aspect, at an equally ruddy opposite row of houses; or where a church of the same hue was built some eighty years ago, whose smooth, thin walls, meagre slate roof, and Venetian east window already droop across our imagination to the depression of our spirits, or to the irritation of our optic nerves, according to the character of our respective temperaments, before so unpleasant a sight has again been forced upon our actual sense of vision."

'Bricks, however, are not only a necessity, but a building material for which a deep debt of gratitude has been justly due from a most remote period to the present time; moreover, it will be my endeavour to demonstrate how they may be made to please the eye of him whose apprehension of colour is most complete, by their judicious use, combined with a slight distribution of other tints serving to relieve the monotony of their usual hue. A stoneless district compels its inhabitants to use brick as a building material, or else something worse. Babylon, we know, at a very early period in the world's history betook itself to brick making, and so have all cities situate on alluvial plains, such as those of Assyria and Egypt; whilst the Romans, whose powers of adaptation are still a wonder to us, became so enamoured of the use of wide bricks from their utility in forming vaultings, bonding-courses, arches, &c., that—even in localities where stone was good and plentiful—they still practised the lessons taught them by the forced use of bricks, and inserted layers of these throughout their stone structures, as may be seen at the so-called Mint Wall at Lincoln, &c.

'Nor were bricks repudiated by our Saxon fore-fathers, as evinced by Brixworth church, Northants., and that at Dover within the castle precincts; whilst their occasional use in the erection of costly buildings has ever since prevailed all over Europe, as well as in the East, and very often in preference to stone. Of the twelfth century brickwork, St. Botolph's Priory, Colchester, offers a remarkable example in England, and the church of St. Foi, at Agen, in the south of France. Of the close of the following century, Little Wenham Hall, in Suffolk, presents a very pleasing specimen...'

Other articles from this edition of *Transactions* include 'Melton and the Reformation' by James Thompson; 'Tradesmen's tokens' and 'Merchants' marks' by Thomas North; and 'The judicious restoration of village churches' by Vincent Wing. This and other volumes of *Transactions* are available online at www.le.ac.uk/lahs/publications/transactions.html.

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