

Loughborough Carillon and War Memorial Museum

What's On

October 2023



Diary Dates.

5 October Heritage Awards

16 October Loughborough Heritage Forum Meeting

Heritage Awards. Every two years the Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Forum invites its members to submit projects they have completed since the last awards. There are various categories, we have had some success in the past, our last success was Goff's carillon model when we won 'Best Project Under £750', but had been rather inactive during this relevant time period. However, wanting to support the forum I entered our 'Outreach Offer' in the 'Recovering from Covid' category. The awards are held at the [Century Theatre](#) in Coalville. Christine and I will attend.

Loughborough Heritage Forum. This, as the name suggests, is a collection of individuals and heritage organisations in the Loughborough area. They meet twice a year and it is an opportunity to share experiences and meet and cooperate with groups with similar interests. The forum is supported by the Loughborough Building Society. Christine and I will attend.

Who can Spell? Our catalogue uses a system called 'Modes' and although it has a spell check it is very clumsy and requires you to spell check each entry individually. An easier way of doing it is to download the catalogue in HTML and copy and paste it into a 'Word' document which the underlines each and every spelling mistake in red and each incorrect spacing or misuse of punctuation in blue.



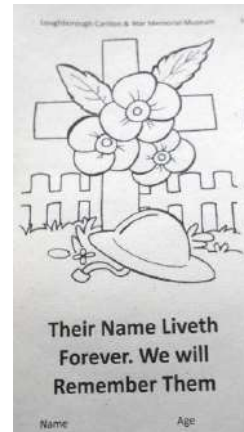
What we need is someone to trawl through the catalogue and make a note of any errors. While you are going through catalogue it would be useful to also note those objects that have a poor description. For example, Cat No. 1987.400 is described as 'Rifle grenade, German'. Could it be more vague? The fact there is no photograph of this grenade means we do not know if it is WW1, WW2 or later. See: [Rifle Grenades](#)

If more than one of you wants to participate in this exercise, I can split the catalogue into any number of sections. Below is a block six objects I took at random and there are two errors in spacing and the pamphlet title should read 'A Guide to Basic First Aid Training'

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| 2017.106 | pin badge | Pin Badge, WVS Civil Defence British Women's Voluntary Service, WW2 |
| 2017.107 | pin badge | Pin Badge, Rest Centre Service, British, WW2 |
| 2017.108 | pin badge | Pin Badge, National Savings Movement - Lend to Defend. British, WW2 |
| 2017.109 | pamphlet | RAMC Training Centre. A guide to basic first aid training. circa 1974 |
| 2017.110 | booklet | Milan Platoon, Minor Soviet Tactics. Self tutor booklet. Milan is an Anti-Tank weapon. circa 1980's |
| 2017.111 | pamphlet | "Territorial Army Personal Fitness Training Guide 1983" |

Colouring Sheets. Amongst the colouring sheets on our children's activities table is an image of a gravestone with the words, 'Their Name Liveth Forever, We Will Remember Them' it is fairly simplistic but is aimed at small children and intended to be completed in minutes rather than hours.

It occurred to me that, with the approach of Remembrance Sunday that we could put some of these sheets in various locations with a request that children colour them in and we put the completed pictures in the New Street window. Each year, at the beginning of November, we change the display and Peter puts in a board decorated with poppies and giving details of the parade and service on Remembrance Sunday.



There are number of places I can think of where colouring sheets are already provided, Charnwood Museum, Queen's Park café and the insurance office opposite the cinema in the Market Place. I would like each and every one of you to suggest other suitable venues. As well as the sheets there will be a board alongside explaining the exercise. With Mary's help I believe we can put a copy on the website and then provide a link on Facebook.

Carillon on YouTube. This video, titled, 'Climbing the Bell Tower', was made by the Carillon Society and Caroline Sharpe, apparently in 2021, but I have not seen it before today. It is by far the best video of the Carillon being played that I have seen. In the comments below the video is one that states, "I find it very satisfying that there exists a carillon player named Caroline". The link: [Climbing the Bell Tower - Objectivity 242 - YouTube](#)



Looking on the internet for an image to illustrate the above story I came across this article telling of the visit to the carillon by a group of Hertford bell ringers [Visit to the carillon](#)

Songster. Whilst we are on the subject of YouTube, we posted a video on the day that the Songster armature was unveiled. It is a little disappointing that after four years there has only been 298 views, two things, visit it again and Karon could you put it Instagram with the heading 'Looking Back'? [Loughborough's Favourite WW1 War Horse - YouTube](#)



Modes. As mentioned in the item 'Who can Spell' Modes is the system we use to catalogue our collection, we pay them a licence fee each year which keeps abreast of updates and free help and advice. On the 19 Oct is the AGM and a session, 'Thinking Ahead' it will be held on Zoom. The blurb for the event states: We have sessions confirmed about the Museum Data Service ([MDS](#)), and the Exhibition Object Data Exchange Model ([EODEM](#)) as well as demonstrations of the forthcoming Modes Complete and Modes Compact upgrades. And we'll be reporting on progress with the development of the next generation of Modes products.



This event is free for all Modes users. Be inspired, and get more out of your Modes system. **Thinking Ahead** will be held on Zoom. Click the link below to book your place and view the full programme. To book a place and get the full details click here; [BOOK NOW](#)

Our Catalogue. I Googled 'Jack Coston Parachute Regiment' looking for information on this former C/Sgt in the Parachute Regiment and was very surprised that the search took me to our online catalogue and the items we hold; donated by his family. This has never happened in the past. Try it.

From Our Collection. The image at the heading is of a Japanese Prayer Flag, The Good Luck Flag (寄せ書き日の丸, *yosegaki hinomaru*). We have two in our collection.



Traditionally the flag was given to a man entering the Japanese Armed Forces by his friends and relations, they wrote good luck messages to keep the man safe in battle. We have a photograph in our collection of a group of Japanese soldiers and nearly every one of them as a Prayer Flag tied to his rifle, showing how wide spread the custom was.

If you have never seen the film 'City of Life and Death' here is a link to the full length feature film on YouTube. [【ENG SUB】 City of Life and Death/Nanking!Nanking! \(南京！南京！\) Nanjing Massacre Movies - YouTube](#) many of the Japanese soldiers in the film have Prayer Flags. It is a 'Must Watch' film.

Finally. Saturday 30 September is our last day of the season and we will have had over 6000 visitors. There is some progress on the funding to put our museum back but we need to wait for CBC to publish details before we go public.