

The Carillon Chimes

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[100 year ago August 1 1915](#) The Fokker scourge begins over the Western Front as German pilots achieve air supremacy using the highly effective Fokker monoplane featuring the synchronized machine gun that fires bullets through the spinning propeller. Although the technology was pioneered by the French pilot Roland Garros, the Germans copied and improved the synchronized gun idea after capturing his plane. The Fokker scourge would last nearly a year, until Allied technology caught up.

What is the tennis connection in the above piece? Answers please; on the back of a £5.00 note.

[Mr Jim Nasmyth](#)



Last month we said goodbye to Pauline Cutter and this month we must say goodbye to another long serving stalwart, Mr Jim Nasmyth. Jim an ex Cameron Highlander has been unwell and has finally retired.

With a nod to his Scottish connections we presented him with an engraved whisky glass and wish him and his wife all the very best in the future.

Pictured with Jim is Pam who volunteered alongside Jim as Museum Guides.

[Snibston Closed](#)

Snibston Discovery Museum has closed as after an 11th hour legal bid to save it failed.

The High Court in London heard this week that the consultation ahead of the decision to close the Coalville attraction had been flawed. However, Mr Justice Blake, dismissed the legal challenge, which was made by 24-year-old Snibston volunteer Louise Hall.



The museum will be closed to the public, although some of it could be used as the site of a smaller mining heritage museum in the future. View picture gallery: [**Picture Gallery : Snibston Discovery Park**](#) courtesy of the Leicester Mercury

Pre-decimal Coins Wanted



You may not know it but our two main sources of income are donations from a very generous public and our retail sales.

One of our best sellers are key rings made with pre-decimal coins on a short chain. We have decided to make our own, having ordered the chains we now need the coins.

Have you any pre-decimal coins that you do not want? If so drop them off at the carillon (1pm -4.30pm) or Charnwood Museum **any quantities, any denomination. Every single one will help!**

Trip Advisor



Congratulations to Dave and the other people on duty the day this couple visited.

'Kiwiee' wrote. "I recently decided to bring my girlfriend down to Loughborough to show her what the small university town I live in is like. The first day showing her around I came across the... read more.. "[A nugget of military history](#)"

Royal Yeomanry Band

In the last newsletter the free advert was for the Royal Yeomanry band Beating Retreat at Bradgate Park. If you were unable to attend here is the YouTube video: [Beating Retreat Bradgate 25 7 15](#)

They were joined by the Corps of Drums of the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland Cadet Force. The event helped raise money for The Army Benevolent Fund (The Soldiers Charity), the Royal British Legion and the Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry Welford Fund.



Market Stall

We have a stall on Loughborough Market, thanks to a cancellation (there can be an 18 month waiting list for the charity stall) on Saturday 22 August.



Please do come along and say hello and if you fancy yourself has a market trader you can stay and help out for an hour.

Experience the thrill of selling your first fridge magnet!



War Poetry

The *Loughborough Echo* have discontinued the weekly poem feature and reading it reminded me that we have, this season, displayed a number of poems written by students of Rawlins Academy, Quorn so I thought I would publish one a month to make up for the *Echo's* decision.

Remember

I stand looking around me
Watching as soldiers drop like flies.

If I go, I hope I will be remembered
For giving my life to serving the king,

Doing the country proud.
Keep going, must keep going.

20 seconds more, another falls to the floor
Goodbye sweet world
And remember...

Ana Hills (Year 9)

What's New?



A Mr Arundale of Selby, North Yorkshire was visiting Loughborough on a canal barge when he came into the museum. During his time there he mentioned that he had been in the Navy, I pointed out that Loughborough, being so far from the sea was probably underrepresented in the Royal Navy and that is reflected in how few naval objects we have in our collection.

It must have struck a chord because he returned the next day and left this plaque. HMS Galatea, a frigate launched in 1963 was the 8th ship to bear the name. She was de-commissioned in 1987 and in 1988 used as a target on a naval exercise and sunk.

Mr Ward of Melton Mowbray who has in the past donated a set of spoons with the crest of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (The forerunners of the Territorial Army (TA)) he has now added to our collection with three items of crockery marked with the crest of the 4th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (the TA battalion recruited in the city of Leicester) Many thanks to both of them for their generosity.



Facebook

Eventually I would like to move this newsletter to Facebook but first we need to overcome the prejudice against social media by the (mainly) elder members of our readership. What do you think? Visit us at: [Loughborough Carillon Tower & War Memorial Museum | Facebook](#)

We Still Need Help

Can you spare a couple of hours a week? No experience needed. A simple task of manning the two upper rooms. Meet and greet visitors and just keep an eye on things.

We are open every day except Monday 1 pm till 4.30 pm (Children not allowed upstairs without a responsible adult)

Just Come into Stock

Postcards

Six new postcards of the Carillon and the museum, big and bright and produced by our very own Mr Peter Minshall. Available at the Carillon and Charnwood Museum.

50p each or a pack of six different cards for just £2.50 proceeds go towards supporting our museum.



Tea Towels

Tea towels used to be one of our best sellers and after what seems forever we now have a new one.

Charnwood Museum did most of the work and we are all very pleased with the outcome.

Designed by local artist (I do apologies but I have forgotten her name) and featuring local landmarks they at £8.50.

If you are unable to get to the carillon (perhaps you live in the Orkneys) you can order them, P+P free and we also accept Paypal.

