

Welcome to our latest LHG Newsletter

We had a fantastic evening launching our new video, Many Culture, One Town. Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtQCaysujM>

Heritage Leamington Local History Day

Do come along to our free event with over 18 local exhibitors displaying their latest history research and events. Please support by coming along and/or volunteering to help set up with our LHG table.

These are making sure that they get there,



- Why don't you?

Leamington History Group Local Heritage Day

**Saturday 16 September 2023
10.30-3.30**

All Saints Parish Church

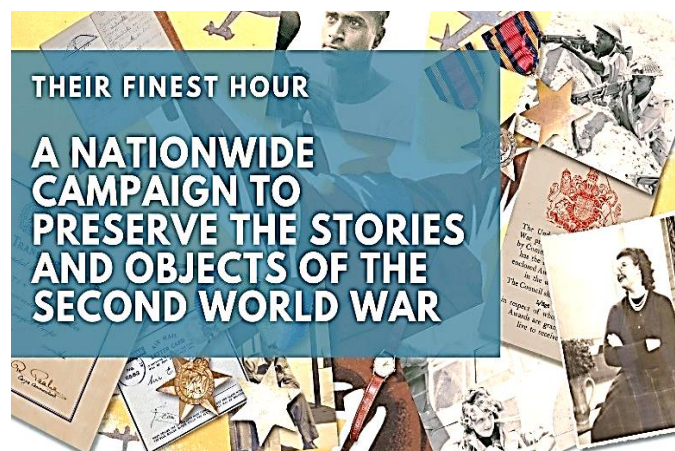
FREE ADMISSION



LHG Calendars 2024:

Order your copy now £5 to collect in person/ask for postage costs. secretary@leafingtonhistory.co.uk
Global Leamington Books and other local history books will also be available at the above event.

"Their Finest Hour" Leamington History Project



DIGITAL COLLECTION DAY

Do you have any Second World War-related stories and objects passed down to you from your parents, grandparents and other family members?

Would you like to digitally preserve these stories and objects before they are lost to history?

Bring your diaries, letters, photos, memories, objects* or stories about your family's wartime experience to our Digital Collection Day, where they will be recorded and added to a free-to-use online archive.

theirfinesthour.org

*Please do not bring any loaded weapons or potentially dangerous objects to the Digital Collection Day.

Leamington History Group (LHG) will be holding a Digital Collection Day on:

Saturday 7 October 2023
between
10am and 4pm

at
Ahmadiyyah Mosque Hall
Adelaide Rd, Leamington Spa,
CV32 5AH

For further information, contact
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Join us for Leamington's "Their Finest Hour" Oxford University digital collection day to capture your memories and artefacts about WW2.

Free Heritage Leamington Walks

Our successful LHG Town Walks continue with our excellent volunteer guides. We have now added some weekend/heritage walks by popular demand.

10 Sept. (11 a.m.) "From Village to Spa;" 12 Sept. (6 p.m.) Imperial Leamington; 15 Sept. (10.30 a.m.) "A Walk Back in Time"

Book here:

<https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173645634>



Leamington Boys Club Boxing Successes by Terry Gardner

To mark the many successes of the Leamington Boys Club (LBC) Boxing Section (run by Inspector Gibbs of Leamington Police for many years), a supper by Alderman Moore, in April 1944 was held with Randolph Turpin as the most prominent guest. The Mayor, Alderman Ashton, Cllr Mrs Moore, Mr E R Thomas (Chairman of the Club), J T Honey, Inspector Gibbs, and Mr Stefani (Trainer) attended.

Alderman Moore said that everyone was proud of Turpin's successes, and if Mr Martin, the former Chief Constable was here, it would have a proud moment of his life. Turpin is a sportsman and I do not think he realises his success. If he takes notice of his trainers, I am sure he will have successful future! The Mayor was glad to see the event celebrated in this way and to see this grand lad.

Inspector Gibbs referred to Turpin as a quiet unassuming boy and a lad who was not a bad loser. He suggested that more boys join to prepare for future championships, as the club holds 11 Midland Junior Championships and 2 British titles.

In August 1944, Leamington Borough Police Athletic Club staged a boxing tournament at the Town Hall in aid of Warneford Hospital. The LBC boxers, together with some of the best seniors in the country participated. It was filled to capacity. Its audience included the Mayor, Martin Moore, Cllr Fetherstone-Dilke, Chief Constables of Leamington, Birmingham, Southport, and of Warwickshire, Mr Johnston, Commander Kemble, Mr W Rees.

In the Junior contest, Randolph Turpin (later the Leamington Licker) of the LBC on form in his three 2-minute round bouts with R Bebbington (Fairburn B C 10st London Federation Champion 1944). The appeal raised £60,000 appeal (Warneford hospital being funded by donations until the advent of the NHS). Turpin forced a brisk pace throughout and his hard hitting left kept Bebbington on the defensive; a sharp left hook in the 2nd round put Bebbington on the floor.

Dates for your diary Leamington History Café:

Autumn Programme

Our Café is growing in popularity with our short new talks programme: Tuesdays 9.30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Band Factory 13 Althorpe St.

5.9.23 Arthur Margoschis, Leamington Missionary

12.9.23 Historic Postcard Collection

19.9.23 The Arts Society

26.9.23 Polish Community Centre

3.10.23 Heart Community Rail

10.10.23 Inspectors of Weights and Measures

17.10.23 Exploring Leamington History's Archive

24.10.23 Memories of Archery Road

31.10.23 Heart of England Newspaper

7.11.23 Growing up in the Miser's House,

14.11.23 Leamington Christmas Tree Fest

21.11.23 Their Finest Hour

28.11.23 Foundry Wood

5.12.23 Creating LHG Christmas Tree Fest

Local History Speaker Programme 2023: Mondays 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Oddfellows Hall, New St. Leamington CV31 1HP

25 September: David Morse, A Second Peep into LHG Digital Archive

23 October: Martin Harrison, Friends of the Family

27 November: William Philpott, Joseph, Austen, and Neville: The Chamberlain Political Dynasty

*NB Venue: 1 Mill Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1ES

11 December*: Leamington History Film Evening: A series of short local history films, Birth of a Spa Town, Leamington's Victoria Legacy and Life After Victoria.

Further information on events, follow Leamington History Group on our Facebook Page or website:
www.leamingtonhistory.co.uk

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