



The Rothley Court Time Capsule



Commemorating the Bicentenary of
the Act Abolishing the Slave Trade

laid down on
18 December 2007

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This capsule was sealed on Tuesday 18th December 2007 commemorating the Bicentenary of the Act that Abolished the Slave Trade and its close association with Thomas Babington who lived out his life in this House.

Organisations of Rothley, together with some larger groups in the county of Leicester, have submitted items contemporary in 2007 and it is hoped that the Time Capsule will be opened a hundred years hence on the Tercentenary in 2107.

The items included are;

From Local Organisations

Bradgate Sewing Circle donated a **Piece of Embroidery** and a **Leaflet** explaining the Millennium tapestry that hangs in the Parish Church.

Rothley Boy Scout Group submitted samples of the **Badges** that are worn on their uniforms, together with a **Statement** covering their history, plus a **Photograph** of the scouts participating in their annual St. George's Day Parade. The troop is a branch of the International Association whose aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Rothley Branch of the British Legion provided a **Statement** of their aims and purpose, a **History** of the **Village War Memorial** and a **Listing** of the fallen soldiers. The organisation provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served, and those on active duty in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. Currently, nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for the Legion's support throughout the country.

Rothley Cricket Club produced its **2007 Fixture List** and a **Cricket Ball**. The cricket ground, known as a 'pitch', is situated between Rothley Court and Wellsic Lane, on the original parkland that was planted by Thomas Babington.

Rothley Imps Junior Football Club, who play on the recreation ground off Fowke Street, provided a team **Football Shirt**, and an **Explanatory document**. (Football is sometimes referred to as 'Soccer').

Rothley Parish Council, the elected representatives of the parish, submitted a copy of the **Minutes** of its **2007 Annual Parish Meeting** covering their responsibilities to the community as the first tier of government.

The **Rothley Branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade**, providing voluntary first aid support for the community and beyond, offered a **Statement** of their aims and purpose.

Rothley Branch of the Women's Institute provided a copy of its **Meetings Programme**. The Institute is the largest voluntary organisation for women in the UK with 211,000 members in England, Wales and the Islands who play a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

Rothley History Society submitted a copy of a **Book**, entitled Rothley, Then & Now'.

Soar Valley Rotary Club provided one of their **Branch Banners** and a **Summary** of its activities. Meeting weekly at Rothley Court, the Club is part of Rotary International, a global network of service volunteers. It is the world's largest service organisation for business and professional people, helping those in need and working towards world understanding and peace.

Churches

The Church of St Mary and St. John submitted a copy of its **Annual Report & Accounts for 2006**. Services in the Anglican tradition are held three times each Sunday at 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and at 6 .30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church provided a printed photograph of the interior of the Church on Mountsorrel Lane and a **Summary** of their activities. Services in the Roman Catholic tradition are held each Saturday evening, as well as on Sunday and Tuesday mornings.

Howe Lane Methodist Church submitted a typical **Report of a Church Council Meeting** and a **Statement**. A service is conducted each Sunday morning in the Methodist tradition.

Other Material

Two separate **Village Maps** highlighting the layout of the roads in 2007.

A folder containing prints of **Photographic Images** taken at various points in the village, including on their reverse a description of the location where they were taken. The same photographs are included in an alternative digital format on a USB Memory Stick in JPEG format. A **DVD** of the commemorations held at Rothley Court on 25th March 2007 to mark the Bicentenary day.

A copy of the **book** produced for the Bicentenary entitled '**Rothley and the Abolition of the Slave Trade**', together with a **CD-Rom of four short radio broadcasts** depicting the lives the four abolitionists who feature in the book.

A set of **Royal Mail Bicentenary Postage Stamps** plus various other **Commemorative Documents** relating to the Bicentennial events.

Two editions of the **Community Newspaper** the '**Rothley Post**' covering the Bicentennial events at Rothley Court.

Booklets explaining the workings of the **National Health Service** operated throughout the United Kingdom (U.K.) that provides a free medical service to all U.K. citizens. In parallel there is a private hospital service Private Healthcare UK, formerly known as B.U.P.A., providing care for those who prefer to pay for their treatment. Also included are anonymous samples of **X-Ray plates** and **Digital MRI and CT scans**.

A framed **Meteorite** donated by the **National Space Centre** in Leicester, together with their **Brochure** explaining the history of, the workings and items on show in their exhibition centre in Leicester.

A **Submission** by a local bank, the **Alliance and Leicester**, explaining how an individual's bank account operates in 2007 using both **Cheques and Credit Cards**, illustrated by a specially created account in the name of William Wilberforce.

A Copy of the **Leicestershire County Council's Medium Term Corporate Strategy to 2009**.

A copy of the **Annual Report and Accounts** of **Greene King plc**, the present owners of the Rothley Court Hotel.

A **Brochure** of the **Rothley Court Hotel**.

The **Script** of the **BBC** television programme **East Midlands Today** transmitted on Monday 26 March 2007, the day after the Bicentenary Events at Rothley Court together with a **CD-Rom** disc entitled 'This is what we do'. The programme provides a daily news service from the BBC base in Nottingham, broadcasting at various times in the day throughout the East Midlands region.

Match Day Programmes of both **Leicester City Football and Leicester Tigers Rugby Clubs**.

The **Forward Programme** of events and concerts at the **De Montfort Hall**, Leicester.

A **Brochure** of Christmas events on the **Great Central Steam Railway**.

The **Order of Service** for the marriage of Kirsty Elizabeth Davis & William Robert Severn in Rothley Parish Church on 12 December 2007, and who held their Reception at the Rothley Court Hotel.

*An **Embroidered Rendering** of the famous abolition campaign brooch designed by Josiah Wedgwood was prepared by the members of the Bradgate Sewing Circle. The framed piece is displayed outside the Time Capsule.*