



THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP



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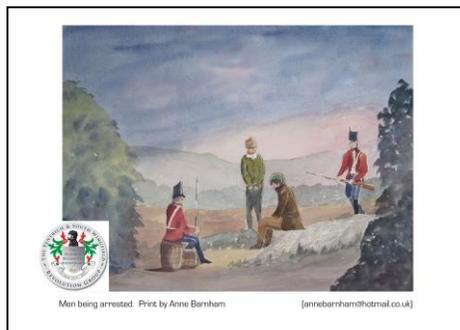
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PENTRICH 1817 - What happened after the rising?

In the immediate aftermath of the Pentrich Rising the authorities acted quickly to round up the rebels. 48 men were quickly arrested and others over the following weeks. This left their families worried and frightened.

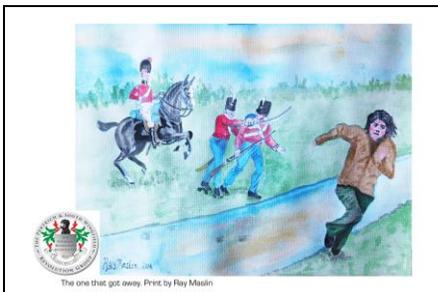
Some rebels were initially held in Nottingham Gaol, where they were treated well. Others were held in Derby to await trial. Here the prisoners put on bread and water in overcrowded conditions.

William and Edward Turner were found hiding in a ditch between Codnor and Langley Mill around mid-day on June 10th 1817 and arrested.



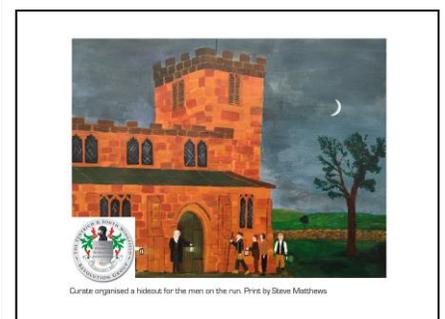
Men being arrested. Print by Anne Barnham [annebarnham@hotmail.co.uk]

Jeremiah Brandreth escaped and after two failed attempts to stow away on ships bound for the USA he had returned to Nottingham. It was not until weeks later that he was arrested in Bulwell after being betrayed by Henry Sampson for a 50 Guinea reward. Isaac Ludlam was arrested in Uttoxeter around the same time as Brandreth.



The one that got away. Print by Ray Maslin

A reward of 100 guineas was offered for the arrest of Thomas Bacon but he proved elusive with reports from Leicester and men also sent to Liverpool to arrest him. Thomas and John Bacon were not captured until August 15th 1817 in St Ives after a brief struggle.



Curate organised a hideout for the men on the run. Print by Steve Matthews

One interesting aspect of the Pentrich story is the role played by Hugh Wolstenholme the Curate of St. Matthew's Church in Pentrich village. George Weightman evaded capture for five weeks before being arrested near Sheffield at the home of Hugh's relative William Wolstenholme.

The captured rebels then had to endure a long wait until they were brought to trial on October 15th 1817. The authorities were waiting until after the harvest so that landowners, sympathetic to the Crown, could be sworn in.

The Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group was formed in 2014 as a single purpose community organisation dedicated to increasing and retaining awareness of the 1817 Pentrich Revolution. It is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its objectives are:

- to commemorate the 1817 Pentrich Rising;
- to educate and increase awareness about the rising;
- to establish a legacy which preserves and entrenches the heritage of the Revolution.

In the Footsteps of the Pentrich Rebels of 1817

The Amber Valley and Erewash Walking Festival, Autumn Footprints, will include five of our walks in September 2017, led by the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group. Booking is recommended for all the walks and essential for some. You can just turn up if you prefer or have not made a reservation, but we cannot guarantee being able to take you if you do not book in advance.

Tuesday 12th September: Walk from Pentrich Village.

Length & Grading: 5 miles, Moderate. 

This walk follows in the footsteps of the rebels in 1817, passing places where the Rising was planned and where rebels visited on their march towards Nottingham. The route also takes in a mix of historical interest and great views of the Amber Valley. The walk includes four high stiles, steep steps to join the canal and a mix of footpath and road walking. (6 stiles). Parking on Asherfields Lane or in The Dog car park if intending to be a customer (The Dog - Tel. 01773 513360).

Starting Point: The Dog Inn, Main Road, Pentrich DE5 3RE. Grid Ref: SK 390 525.

Start Time: 10am. Finish: 1pm.

Thursday 14th September: Walk from Ripley 
Length & Grading: 4 miles, Easy/Moderate.

This walk follows in the footsteps of the rebels in 1817, passing places where the Rising was planned and where rebels visited on the march to Nottingham. This is mainly an urban walk on pavements and several paths (two hills and two sections of unpaved track). The walk includes a long hill down to Butterley and back to Ripley. (No stiles).

Starting Point: Outside Town Hall Entrance, Ripley Market Place DE5 3BT. Grid Ref: SK 399 505.

Start Time: 10am. Finish: 1pm.

Saturday 16th September: Walk from Alfreton. 

Length & Grading: 3 miles, Easy.

This walk follows in the footsteps of the rebels in 1817, visiting places associated with the Rising. The walk combines an urban walk on pavements, taking us into Alfreton's historic centre, and along paths in Alfreton Park. (No stiles). On road parking is possible in the streets behind the Library/Masonic Hall.

Starting Point: Abraham Lincoln Library/Masonic Hall, Derby Road, Alfreton DE55 7AU. Grid Ref: SK 407 551.

Start Time: 2pm. Finish: 3.30pm.

Wednesday 20th September: Walk from South Wingfield. 

Length & Grading: 5 miles, Moderate.

Walking in the footsteps of the rebels in 1817, we will pass places where they lived and worked, and visited as they collected men and weapons. The route also offers some good views of the Amber Valley. The walk follows footpaths across fields and bridleways. (1-5 stiles). Parking on roadside in the village.

Starting Point: Old Yew Tree Inn, Manor Road, South Wingfield DE55 7NH. Grid Ref: SK 374 551.

Start Time: 1pm. Finish: 4pm.

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Sunday 24th September. Heage and Lower Hartshay.

Length & Grading: 6 miles. Moderate. 

The walk follows in the footsteps of the rebels in 1817 and visits historic sites from the time, Heage Windmill, Morley Park Ironworks and the Cromford Canal, with views across the Amber Valley. The route crosses fields, follows the old canal and is along roads through Heage itself. A number of stiles are crossed and the path descends quite steeply between Heage and Sawmills. (10-15 stiles). Parking on the road in Lower Hartshay (NOT in the small pub car park).

Starting Point: The George Inn, 56, Main Road, Lower Hartshay, Ripley DE5 3RP. Grid Ref: SK 380 515.

Start Time: 10am. Finish: 1pm.

The Autumn Footprints Festival, from Saturday 9th to Sunday 24th September 2017, offers a great choice of 43 free guided walks. Sixteen days of enjoyable walks and informative talks with something for everyone of all abilities.

Set in picturesque Derbyshire, The Autumn Footprints Walking Festival takes place in an area known for its natural beauty and superb scenery. Popular with both novice and experienced walkers wanting to enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn and the area's fabulous views, undulating countryside, industrial heritage and attractive towns and villages

Led by knowledgeable local volunteers and staff keen to show off their patch, you will discover a wide variety of walks to explore local heritage, natural history and wildlife. The routes take in walks alongside rivers and canals, as well as through open countryside, towns and villages.

All walks are **FREE OF CHARGE**. However, there may be a parking charge (see symbols on individual walks). Booking is recommended for all the walks and essential for some. We cannot guarantee being able to take you if you do not book in advance. Please contact Shipley Country Park on 01629 533991 for bookings and further information unless stated otherwise.

You can download the full Walking Festival programme by going to the website

<http://www.autumnfootprints.co.uk/autumn-footprints.aspx>

Images from our recent exhibition at the 28 Café Belper.

This was our 2nd exhibition at 28 Café focusing on the historical interpretation panels this time.

It was timed to coincide with Belper's thriving Farmers' Market.



Our September exhibitions

Still running:

- *Pickford House (Derby Museum), Friargate, Derby. Derbyshire in Revolt until September 9th*
- *Derbyshire Record Office, Dale Road, Matlock. Archive material and artefacts until September 30th*
- *Amber Valley Borough Council Foyer, Market Place, Ripley. - Prints of the 46 Pentrich Revolution paintings.*

New exhibitions for September:

- *Party in the Park, Alfreton: Sunday 3rd September: Historical interpretation panels*
- *Alfreton Library: Monday 4th – Friday 29th September (including a Study day on Tuesday 26th September - see below for more details).*
- *Somercotes Heritage Festival, Somercotes Village Hall DE55 4LY: Saturday 23rd September*
- *Belper Beer and Cider Festival at The Strutts Centre, Belper. DE56 1UU: Thursday 28th September until Sunday 1st October.*

And looking further ahead to October and November (more details in the next newsletter):

- *Ripley Library 2nd – 27th October – Historical interpretation panels and art prints*
- *Cromford Mills: 14th – 21st October – Children's art and Textiles by Community groups*
- *Pentrich Village Hall – 21st October – Historical interpretation panels and art prints*
- *The National Justice Museum Nottingham 21st October 2017 > January 2018: a major bespoke exhibition*
- *The Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham 7th – 30th November – Prints of the Pentrich paintings*
- *Heanor Library 1st - 30th November - Historical interpretation panels and art prints*
- *Sutton in Ashfield Library 1st November – 6th December - Historical interpretation panels*

A study day at Alfreton Library – Tuesday 26th September – 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

A free event and an opportunity to find out more about The Pentrich Revolution inc. sessions on the historical aspects, information on how Pentrich 2017 is commemorating the rising, the genealogy of the rebels and searching through archive material. We can accommodate a maximum of 20 people.

To register your interest go to www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution or call in at Alfreton Library Phone: **01773 833199.**

Do you want to become a revolutionary?

We need more volunteers and helpers for the many events, walks and exhibitions that we have planned. Attendance at training sessions may be required for certain activities. For further information or to become a member or a friend of the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group please contact Valerie Herbert - valerie.mherbert@yahoo.co.uk You can become a Friend for as little as £5 per year. You will receive our Newsletter giving updates on all events. As a charity we depend on donations to carry on the work both now and after the bicentenary commemoration in 2017. If you would like to become a member or make a donation it will be eligible for gift aid as we are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Number 1166940)