



THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP

The Pentrich Bi-centenary Walk 2 of 18

- On 9th June 1817, over 300 men set out for Nottingham from villages on the Derbyshire-Nottinghamshire border.
- They thought they were part of a 'general rising' to bring down an unjust and oppressive government. Motivated by poverty and hunger, all efforts to gain a hearing suppressed and having no vote, many saw an armed revolt as the only alternative.
- Unknown to them, Government 'agent provocateurs', like Oliver had encouraged the armed revolt. Rebel leaders had already been arrested and only a handful would take up arms in Huddersfield and Nottingham. The Derbyshire men were to be used as an 'example' to others.
- Ambushed by troops, the marchers fled and many were arrested. At their trial in Derby, three, Brandreth, Ludlam and Turner, were sentenced to death, to be hanged then beheaded. Fourteen were transported to penal colonies in Australia, others imprisoned. Their families were evicted and homes destroyed.

The other walks in this series

1. Nottingham
2. South Wingfield
3. Fritchley
4. Heage
5. Pentrich
6. Alfreton
7. Swanwick
8. Ripley
9. Codnor
10. Heanor
11. Langley Mill
12. Eastwood
13. Giltbrook
14. Sutton in Ashfield
15. Derby
16. Sydney, Australia
17. Parramatta, Australia
18. Kiama, Australia

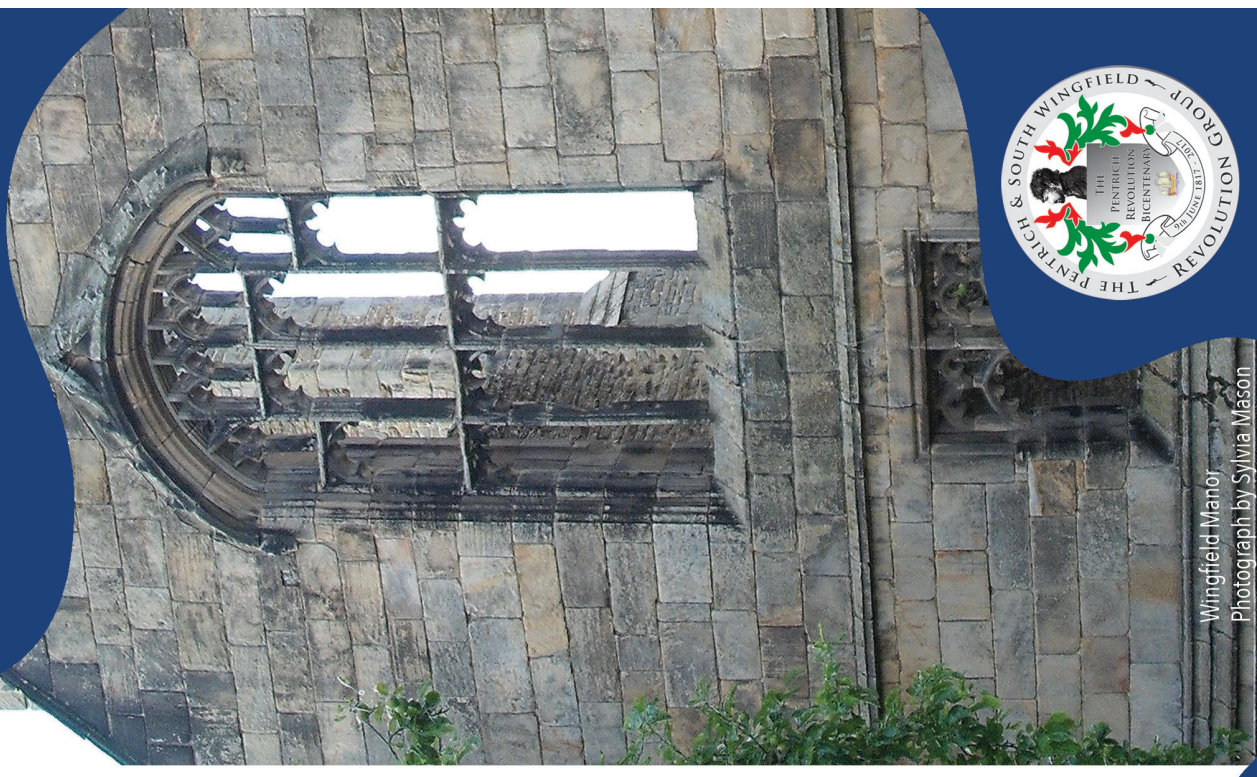
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