



# Nottinghamshire Local History Association



**Working together ~ what we do best.**

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## Chairman's Welcome



Chairman: John Parker

Welcome to our very first newsletter. Every quarter we will bring you details of events coming up throughout Nottinghamshire together with articles, book reviews and reader experiences. This newsletter will be in addition to our very successful bi-annual magazine *The Nottinghamshire Historian*, which will continue to be our main publication covering readers research contributions and history topics in much more detail, our diary of events will remain the same and can also be found on our website.

If you have anything to contribute please contact our news reporter Sarah Seaton at: -

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John Parker.

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## Events

### Ancient Glass

Archeology Now Admission FREE Friday 10 May 12pm Djanogly Theatre

Professor Julian Henderson, Department of Archaeology at The University of Nottingham and specialist in ancient glass will discuss ancient glass and technology.

Following this Mike Poole from Tillerman Beads will speak about about his experimental work in which he replicates ancient glass beads. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to examine glass from the Museum's collection.

### Water!

Pipes, Pumps, Floods and Drains in The University of Nottingham's Water Archives

Admission free

Friday 25 January - Sunday 19 May Weston Gallery

This exhibition focuses in particular on the city of Nottingham, and the work of the various authorities and public bodies charged with providing reliable water supply, sewerage and water treatment, and flood prevention schemes. It draws on original archives and photographs held by the University's Department of Manuscripts and Special Collections

Lunchtime Talks

1 - 2pm

Talks are FREE and very popular. Please book your place in advance at the Box Office on 0115 846 7777



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NEW SCHOOLS  
OF PAINTING,  
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## Events

### Nottinghamshire Archive Events

#### Thursday Tour

2 May & 6 June 2013 2.30pm

Admission £3

Why not join us on one of our regular tours? If you're new to archives this is a great way to find out more about what we do and how you can use the archives yourself. And if you're a regular visitor, explore behind the scenes, find out where we keep the archives and how we conserve them.

#### Summer Talks: Life and Times of Richard III

3 May 2013 10.30am,  
2.30pm cost Free

A talk by Jenny Moran, Record  
Office for Leicestershire,  
Leicester and Rutland

Richard III is well known as the king we love to hate. Despite reigning for only two years he still causes controversy today either as the much maligned Lord of the North or the evil hunchback who murdered his nephews. More recently he has come to our attention as the King in the Car Park when his remains were located in Leicester. This talk provides a general history of Richard from his birth, his brief reign, and death at the Battle of Bosworth

For a full list of archive talks and events please refer to their website at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives) or telephone **0115 958 1634**.

#### Youth Conference

The NLHA and Nottinghamshire Archives are planning a youth conference at the Galleries of Justice, Nottingham on Tuesday 16 July 2013 please refer to our website, Facebook or July's newsletter for more information.

#### Napoleonic Re-enactment

Sunday 5 May & Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2013 11am - 4pm.  
Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 2AE see [mynottingham.gov.uk/napoleonic](http://mynottingham.gov.uk/napoleonic)

#### 1940's Knees Up

Bank holiday Monday 6 May 2013 The Museum of Nottingham Life at Brewhouse Yard, Castle Boulevard Nottingham NG7 1FB see [mynottingham.gov.uk/kneesup](http://mynottingham.gov.uk/kneesup) or telephone 0115 9153700



The iconic Nottingham Castle Gateway Source: Brown, Cornelius, A History of Nottinghamshire 1896.

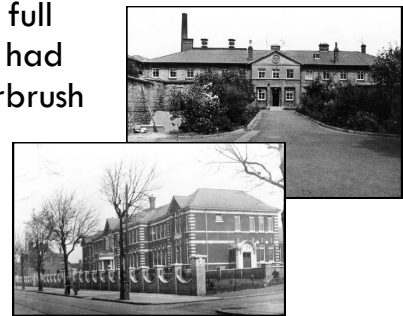
## Demolition that wipes out our irreplaceable heritage

It was with a sad heart that I drove along Highbury Vale, Bulwell, in March 2013. Having recently read the book *Forgotten People* by Judy Bland – based on residents who spent most of their lives in the Basford Workhouse and subsequently Basford County Institution and Highbury Hospital – I was saddened to see that the original workhouse had been demolished and new low-level buildings put in its place, although I am sure that it now offers modern facilities for people who need to be there.



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In its earlier days, this tragic place, where countless memories lay, had as its residents many people who today would be living full lives within our communities. Some of the long-term residents had been in there for up to 50 years for as little as raising a hairbrush to their mother or having a child out of wedlock. Each brick in the old building represented the hardships that people endured, and sadly was no more, wiped out by modern development.



Basford Workhouse (top)  
and Henry Mellish School  
(bottom) Source: Picture  
the Past

The two main historic buildings in this area had been the workhouse building and the Henry Mellish School – so I was even more astonished when the palatial frontage of the old school was a mere pile of bricks. In an area where iconic buildings are sparse, it's a shame that these two are now gone. I appreciate that more modern facilities are healthier and more cost effective, but at what cost to our heritage?

Sarah Seaton

## Workers Playtime

This May Day bank holiday the Framework Knitters Museum are holding an event sharing traditional crafts and entertainments from times gone by in a Victorian setting. Entertainments include traditional workers songs, Morris dancing and barrel organ music. Visitors will be encouraged to take part in traditional crafts.

Admission is £4 for adults, £2 for children with a family ticket at £10. Telephone 01159846914 or visit their website at [www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org)





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*The Nottinghamshire Local History Association was formed in 1953 to bring together people and organisations interested in all aspects of local history in the county. Our aim is to keep members in touch with current developments in local history and to this end we hold two day-schools a year covering a wide range of subjects.*

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Trent to Trenches Project are looking for volunteers, if you are interested please contact Jenny Page. For further information visit our website or Facebook page.

## Mansfield Local History Fair 2013

On the 19 May from 11am until 3pm there will be fun for all the family at the Nottinghamshire Libraries, Archives and Information free local history fair at Mansfield Central Library. Jenny Page Youth Coordinator will be promoting the NLHA at the event which includes: -

- Local history displays
- Stalls by many local history societies
- Old films of Nottinghamshire
- Craft demonstrations
- Archive conservation demonstrations
- Free children's activities
- Displays of old photographs
- Local history books to buy

If you would like to help Jenny on the day please contact her via email (contact details above). Take along old photos of Nottinghamshire and add them to the libraries website:

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