



# Nottinghamshire Local History Association



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## Angel Row History Forum

**Rediscovering Nottingham's Garden City Heritage, 10.00am – 12.30 pm Thursday 11 December 2014**

Chris Matthews, a leading Nottingham local historian and co-author of *Towns in Britain* will be talking about the local history and the public engagement work he has been doing in collaboration with TravelRight in north Nottingham, namely Aspley, Bilborough, Bulwell, Beechdale, Broxtowe, Strelley, Cinderhill and Bestwood. He will talk about the making of TravelRight's local history walking and cycling guides which, with their walks and other events, have drawn considerable new audiences towards an interest in the history of these overlooked areas. Chris will illustrate his talk with a slide show which has come out of this work

Juliet Line from TravelRight will also be telling us more about the organisation and its pioneering work in Greater Nottingham.

This Angel Row History Forum will meet on Thursday 11th December between 10:00 and 12:30 in the Cecil Roberts Meeting Room on the first floor of Nottingham Central Library, Angel Row, Nottingham NG1 6HP

## A Victorian Christmas at the Framework Knitters Museum

The Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington will be hosting a very special Victorian Christmas experience on Saturday 13th December 2014 from 10.00 – 6.00 at the museum on Chapel Street. Admission is free.

This is the perfect start to your Christmas celebrations. Experience this unique Victorian setting and enjoy a day packed full of family festive fun. Santa will be in attendance to welcome children to his grotto with gifts for all. Traditional music, food and activities will make this a festive day to remember.

Step back in time and explore this magical Victorian setting. Visitors after dark can enjoy the site by lantern. The Ruddington Community Choir, the Maids of Clifton and a traditional barrel organ player will be in attendance to provide a day of festive family entertainments. Roasted chestnuts and hot crumpets will help keep you warm and refreshments will be available in the Chapel. Demonstrators will be on hand to bring the crafts of framework knitting to life and visitors are welcome to have a go on the circular knitting machines. As expected, the museum's Textile Emporium offers a wide range of Christmas gifts for all ages and budgets.

Paul Baker, the museum manager, said "this will be our biggest and best Christmas event yet with a wide variety of activities and entertainments throughout the day. The museum's Victorian buildings offer the ideal setting and our volunteers will be in period dress to make the experience all the more authentic."

The event takes place on Saturday 13th December between 10.00am – 6.00pm. Admission is free.



# THE GREAT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FAIR 2015

## Mansfield Library, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015

A Great **FREE** way to promote your society, meet other local history groups, and exchange ideas.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the Nottinghamshire County Council Library Service will be hosting its third annual Local History Fair at Mansfield Central Library.

It will build on the success of the two previous Local History Fairs, where local history societies and heritage groups from across the county converged on Mansfield, and were joined by storytellers, children's activities, and demonstrations of local crafts such as spinning and lace making. They aim to make the Local History Fair a real family day out and were delighted that their last event attracted over 300 people.

If you would like your society to be part of the 2015 fair please contact them below. Places are **free** and there will be no other charges on the day. However, places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment (see below for the deadline for receiving bookings and please note that places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis).

A whole floor of Mansfield Library will be devoted to the fair as well as extending into the main library. Mansfield Library is open to the public on Sundays between 11 am and 3pm, and there is also **free** parking on Sundays in the Four Seasons multi-storey car park next door.

Once again they aim to feature live demonstrations of local crafts, storytelling, and other local history presentations by heritage groups – continuing to establish the **Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair** as an important showcase for local history in Nottinghamshire, where local societies will find a forum to promote their work, attract new members, sell their publications, and share expertise and experiences with other groups. To reserve a place at the **Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair 2015** see

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/libraries/](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/libraries/) Bookings need to be in by **31 January 2015** (either by post to Helen Fox at Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2BP or by email to [helen.fox@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:helen.fox@nottscc.gov.uk) ).



### Past Lives Project Legacy Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2 - 4pm at Lakeside. How to access and share your films in the future. This is a free event but please book your place in advance by calling the Box Office on 0115 846 7777.

### Lady Algernon Gordon – Lennox's WW1 Diary -

#### ONLINE EXCLUSIVE Until 31 December 2014

In commemoration of the World War One Centenary, the private war diary of Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox has been made publicly available for the first time. During World War One, Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox ran the 13<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital near Boulogne, and was close friends with politicians, diplomats and royalty. The diary juxtaposes her records of the war with a personal, family narrative. From the horrors of battle to the joy of her daughter's wedding, this intensely personal document provides a unique insight into Lady Algernon's experience of World War One. See

<http://www.harleygallery.co.uk/exhibition/ww1-diary/>



Lady Algernon - Lennox



### Tudor Christmas

#### Mansfield Library

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014: 2.00pm Find out how our Tudor ancestors celebrated the great winter feast, recreated in fascinating detail by living history expert Samantha Glasswell. Free event but booking recommended telephone: 01623 651337



## Once upon a pantomime

Nottingham Central Library - Floor 1, Local Studies Library  
10 December 2014 2 - 3pm. Admission £2.50

A talk by Trevor Lee recalling a selection of the seasonal productions from 1865 at the Theatre Royal Nottingham and elsewhere, including an assortment of hats, stories, songs and of course, humour - 'Oh yes there is!' Contact: 0115 915 2873 or [local\\_studies.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:local_studies.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## Gringley-on-the-Hill & Everton

**Rattlejag Morris Boxing Day Tour 26th December 2013 12 noon and 1.00 pm Venue: Blue Bell Inn, Gringley-on-the-Hill, DN10 4RF / Blacksmith's Arms, Everton, DN10 5BQ Cost Free**

Rattlejag Morris, the colourful and only traditional dance side preserving the dance and music traditions of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, will be out on their annual Boxing Day Tour in the north of the county on Thursday 26th December, whatever the weather. At noon they will be dancing outside the **Blue Bell Inn**, High Street, Gringley-on-the-Hill, DN10 4RF (followed by a live music session in the pub by the AVID group), after which the team move on to perform at the **Blacksmith's Arms**, Everton, DN10 5BQ and then host a traditional music session in the pub afterwards. Come and take part in a living Christmas-tide tradition - you may even get a chance to dance too! - at these lovely old pubs where the welcome, food and drink are also excellent.



*Last Years festivities*

Further details can be found at [www.rattlejagmorris.org.uk](http://www.rattlejagmorris.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/rattlejag](http://www.facebook.com/rattlejag) or contact Jayne at [enquiries@rattlejagmorris.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rattlejagmorris.org.uk).



## Christmas at Creswell Crag

**6th and 7th December and 13th and 14th December (11am - 4pm)** Santa's elves are busy at Creswell Crag preparing for his annual visit. Visitors will be able to join him in his cosy yurt grotto during the weekends of the 6th & 7th and the 13th & 14th December, from 11 until 4pm. Santa's elves are busy at Creswell Crag preparing for his annual visit. Creswell Colliery Brass Band will be performing on Saturday 13th creating a wonderful Christmassy atmosphere and the renowned Chesterfield Phil-

harmonic Choir will be singing your favourite carols on Sunday 14th December. The stunning wintery views make our café the perfect setting to warm yourselves, with a selection of festive treats after a walk around the gorge or trip down Robin Hood's Cave.

**Boxing Day Raft Race at Matlock Bath Thursday 26th December 2013 10am - 1pm Free entry. Tel: 01773 861025**

Matlock Raft Race began in the early 1960s to raise cash for the RNLI, and every Boxing Day an assortment of around 40 home made rafts begin the four-mile race along the River Derwent. The rafts are an assortment of home-made vessels, some made for racing and others for comic effect with their crew in relevant fancy dress. It is usual for some to sink or disintegrate long before the finish, particularly near the hazard of the weir by Masson Mill. Viewing is possible from the river banks for most of the route, popular spots are Matlock Bridge and Masson Mill. Parking is freely available at Cromford Meadows near the finish. Please note that there will be no public transport available on this day.



*Matlock Bath*





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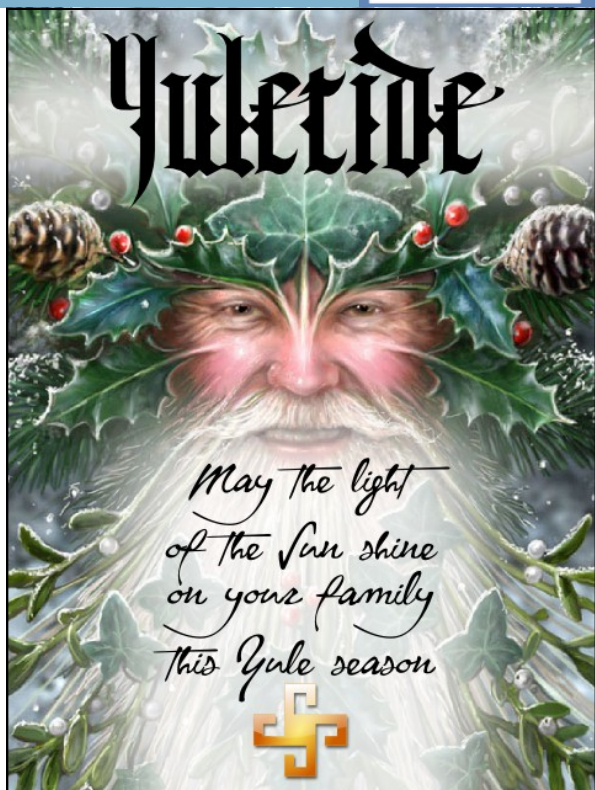
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## NLHA Volunteers needed

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help serve refreshments at our two day schools, this involves the procurement, making and serving tea, coffee and biscuits during the registration period and at lunchtime. Free entry into the day school is provided for all volunteers. Please contact us if interested.



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## Sutton Heritage Society

Welcome to our newest members from the Sutton Heritage Society.

The society's aim is: -

- To promote the study of the local history of Sutton in Ashfield
- To disseminate knowledge of this history and to promote awareness of the area's heritage
- To encourage the preservation of buildings, artefacts, documents and other materials of historic interest and to advise and assist in such preservation.

In pursuance of these aims they hold monthly meetings at which appropriate subjects are presented by suitably qualified speakers. These meetings are advertised in the local press, Sutton library and St John's Methodist Church Hall.

Visitors are most welcome. See [www.suttonheritage.org.uk/](http://www.suttonheritage.org.uk/) for more information.



St. Mary's Church Sutton c. 1932