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Nottinghamshire's People Ancestral Stories from the Archives

Admission FREE

Friday 7 June - Sunday 1 September Open daily
Weston Gallery, Lakeside, University Park, Nottingham

This exhibition celebrates the lives of Nottinghamshire's people and communities. It tells about very different experiences. George Africanus was a former slave who came to Nottingham and became its first black entrepreneur. Robert Weatherall, by contrast, was a local boy from an agricultural family who went on to study at Christ's College, Cambridge.

Through church records, private papers, maps, wills and many other sources, it uncovers a rich world that lies beyond the indexes of census and birth, marriage and death records. Visitors can see the historic Guild Roll of St Mary, Nottingham, dated 1371, on view for the first time since its purchase in 2006. The roll identifies the men and women who joined the guild that provided help in times of sickness and unemployment. The exhibition has been jointly curated by staff from Nottinghamshire Archives and Manuscripts and Special Collections at The University of Nottingham.

Weston Gallery Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 11am - 4pm

Sat/Sun 12noon - 4pm

Wartime Nottinghamshire 19 September 2-3pm Nottingham Central Library, Angel Row. Cost £2. Howard Heeley will give an overview in this fascinating talk about who came to Nottinghamshire during World War II contact 0115 9152873.

Archaeology at Rufford Abbey The Community Archaeologists at Nottingham County Council are organising a volunteer dig at Rufford from 1 to the 12 July. The first week (1-5 July) will be run as a field school and will examine the foundations of an ornamental gateway at the north end of the Broad Drive, near to the mill. It is intended that the week will be "ideal for people who want to get a proper introduction to professional excavation techniques." The second week (8-12 July) will see the excavation of a disused water channel and studying the former garden features in an attempt to understand their layout. For further information or to book a place email community.archaeology@nottscc.gov.uk or telephone 0115 969 6525.

The Ghostly Tales of Annesley Hall. Annesley Hall, Mansfield Road, Annesley Friday 28 June and Tuesday 2 July at 7pm. £8 or £15 for two tickets - advance booking essential contact the John Godber Centre, Hucknall 0115 9639633.



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Galleries of Justice.
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DECEIVED BY
APPEARANCES -
MEN AND
THINGS ARE
NOT WHAT
THEY SEEM. ALL
WHO ARE NOT
ON THE ROCK
ARE IN THE SEA!
WILLIAM BOOTH

Make History Happen! Youth Heritage Conference

Wednesday 17 July 2013

10.00am - 4.30pm

Organised by Nottinghamshire County Council (Archives) in partnership with the Galleries of Justice Museum and the Nottinghamshire Local History Association at The Galleries of Justice Museum The Lace Market, High Pavement, Nottingham, NG1 1HN.

Join us at this conference with a difference! If you are between 16 and 21 years old and interested in heritage come along to this unique event. It aims to bring together young people involved in archives, archaeology, arts, heritage, libraries, museums, community activities and lots more....

The event is free but please bring your own sandwiches. Refreshments can also be purchased on site. Booking is essential for the visit to the prison yard at 4.15pm. For further information telephone Nottinghamshire Archives 0115 9581634

The British Association for Local History The NLHA is a member of the BALH, we receive regular publications regarding local history topics. The NLHA are offering a new service for 'members only' where any articles they may be interested in can be scanned and sent to them. Please note this is an electronic service only. For further information please see the BALH website www.balh.co.uk where extracts from the magazines can also be found. Please contact Sarah at sarahnews@nlha.org.uk

The Nottingham Civic Society is giving a series of guided walks in July and August. Market Square; Park estate; Georgian Nottingham; General Cemetery; Lace Market; Reform Riots Walk. Costs are £3 Adults £2 Concessions children free. For further information contact Kurt Hatton (0115) 9870 709 k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk Kevin Powell 0779 166 3507. kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com or visit their website www.nottinghamcivicsociety.org.uk

Sutton in Ashfield During the War Saturday 7th September 10am - 2pm Sutton in Ashfield library, Idlewells Precinct, Sutton. Dress up in your 1940's costumes, and see what we have to offer! Includes a special exhibition of some Skegby Hall dresses courtesy of Hope House Museum. Organised by Sutton Heritage Society and Sutton Library. Cost FREE contact margthorne@gmail.com



Poverty, Prosperity and Politics - Nottingham Women's History Group summer walk 18 July 7pm Our popular women's history walk from the Castle, through to the Market Square. All welcome, no need to book. Venue Nottingham Castle gatehouse Cost £2 donation Contact www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk E mail nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com or telephone Mo 07950 472022 Val 0115 962 4646

Nottinghamshires Slave Trade

Having worked at Newstead Abbey in the early part of the twenty first century, I recalled seeing a picture of two African men that was situated in the abbey's undercroft. I had forgotten all about this image but since the University College London have released the Legacies of British Slave-ownership records on their website, I was intrigued to see a link with the abbey come up in the form of Colonel Thomas Wildman under my Nottingham search. Wildman owned 241 enslaved workers on his Quebec Estate at St Mary in Jamaica. His compensation for giving up the slaves was £4588 15s 11d which in today's money equates to over £227,000. Wildman used some of his fortune to restore Newstead Abbey, today owned by Nottingham City Council and to rebuild The Hutt at Ravenshead.

The African men from the Abbey's undercroft were not slaves, they were James Chuma and Abdullah Susi, loyal servants of Dr David Livingstone who had accompanied the explorer throughout Africa and back home after his death. They had been personally invited by Queen Victoria to visit Livingstone's homeland and achieved a celebrity status when here, however they were still quartered with other servants during their 'tour' in 1874. They attended the Royal Geographical Society and received medals for their contribution to the African expedition. Chuma was released as a slave in childhood and Dr Livingstone became his only family, he later went on to become a leader for the Universities Mission to Central Africa (1879-80) and died eight years after Livingstone from tuberculosis. Abdullah Susi also became a leader for the UMCA (1883-1891) he was baptised in 1886 taking the name of David and died in 1891.

The British Slave Owner database shows those who claimed for financial compensation when Caribbean and other British Empire slavery was abolished in 1833. The website can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs. The database incorporates information from The National Archives' registers of the Office for the Registry of Colonial Slaves. Other Nottinghamshire people on the register were Robert Carrington, 2nd Baron Carrington from Dulcote Lodge in Nottinghamshire, who inherited his 268 enslaved workers in Jamaica from his father Abel Smith the Nottingham banker; Elizabeth Doncaster from Nottingham with 28 slaves in Trinidad and Susan Elizabeth Strafford with properties listed in Collingham and Retford with 3 slaves in Jamaica. No further information can be found regarding Elizabeth Doncaster; however Susan Elizabeth Strafford was the wife of Henry Thomas Strafford, a Music Master from South Collingham.

Heritage Bus Tour 9.30am - 1pm St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall. FREE. Friday 28 June.

After a tour of St Mary's, Lord Byron's resting place you will be taken to the grounds of Newstead Abbey (refreshment break) then on to All Saints Church Annesley and finally Annesley Old Church. Contact Sheila Robinson 0115 9638566

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Source: Royal
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A Narrowmarsh lodging-house (above) Source: *Picture the Past* and an example of Emma's work (right) Source: *Emma's Sketchbook - Scenes of Nottinghamshire Life in the 1840s* edited by Richard A Gaunt.

Guided Historical Walk - Wollaton Hall 13 August 7pm

Organised by Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society. Meet inside Wollaton Park by the Wollaton Road exit gate at 7.00pm. Walk leader Andrew Hamilton will talk about the history of Wollaton Hall and park, then visit the Hall, outbuildings, gardens, and various other points of historic interest. Full commentary throughout. PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FINAL DETAILS or telephone Angela Gilbert 0115 928 32414. www.nottinghamcity.co.uk/wollatonhall

Nottingham's Military Heritage Exhibition 24 June - 13 July To celebrate Nottingham hosting the Armed Forces Day national event 2013, visit a brand new exhibition exploring Nottingham's Military Heritage. At Nottingham Central Library. Glimpse into Nottingham's military past from the 15th century to the present day. This will include Civil War at home, conflicts abroad, regimental history and our famous heroes. As well as featuring multi-media footage and unique material from the Local Studies Library. Visitors can see this exhibition FREE during opening hours.

The Nottingham Postcard Show Bilborough College, College Way, Nottingham NG8 4QD. Sunday 8 September 10.00am - 4pm Tel: 0115 9374079 www.postcardcollecting.co.uk

Robin Hood Festival Monday 5 August - Sunday 11 August.

Nottinghamshire's major celebration of its outlaw takes place in his legendary home of Sherwood Forest near Edwinstowe. The event is free but car parking charges apply. Music, jugglers, jesters, characters, market traders and archery are just some of the medieval merriment taking place. See www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhood for more details.

Common Lodging Houses of Narrowmarsh Thursday 11 July 2 - 3pm

Nottingham Central Library, Angel Row. Discover more about the history of the common lodging-houses of Narrowmarsh in this informative talk by Sarah Seaton. Find out what the houses and conditions were like in the 19th century and the stories of the people who lived in them. Organised by Nottingham City Council. Cost £2. For further information please contact Tel. 0115 905 2873 or local_studies_library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Roman Cookery Thursday 11 July 2013 2-3pm cost 50p Retford

Library Talk by Bassetlaw Museum about food and cookery in Roman times. Contact 01777 708724 or retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk.

Emma Wilmot's Sketches of the Dukeries Thursday

4 July 2-3pm Talk by Dr Richard Gaunt (University of Nottingham) at Worksop Library. A fascinating insight into the life and times of Emma Wilmot, who resided in Worksop in the 1840s as wife of the Duke of Newcastle's agent. Learn more about this little-known artist of well-known Dukeries scenes, including Worksop Manor and Clumber. Booking essential - please call or email the library. Cost £3 including refreshments.



The Hucknall International Byron Festival 2013 Thursday 27 June - Sunday 7 July see www.internationalbyronsociety.org