



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Working together: what we do best

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Hello

On behalf of the Chairman and Committee of Nottinghamshire Local History Association we would like to thank you all for your support during 2015 and wish everyone a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



NLHA EVENTS



Angel Row History Forum

On Tuesday 8th December 2015 at the Local Studies Library, Angel Row Nottingham between 10:00 and 12:00 Adrian Sissons will talk about the present restoration of Hucknall Parish Church and demonstrate a fascinating new way of exhibiting and telling the story of the church. There may also be festive mince pies and coffee.

Admission is FREE..

[Read more.](#)



NLHA Spring Day-School 2016 and AGM - Landscape History

19th March 2016 at Ravenshead Village Hall commencing at 9:30 until 4:00. Steph Mastoris on The Welbeck Atlas, Steve Holloway on Byways and Rights of Way, Stephen Walker on Moor Ponds Woods, Chris Brooke on Remote Sensing.

[Read more.](#)



A new cultural organisation called **Inspire** has been launched to manage our libraries, archives, learning and cultural services across the county.

Inspire has been established to deliver services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. Culture, Learning and Libraries (Midlands), and will deliver the following services:

- Library Services (Nottinghamshire Public Libraries and Whatton Prison Library)
- Arts Services (Arts Development Service and County Youth Arts)
- Community Learning and Skills Service
- Archives and Records Services (Nottinghamshire Archives and Records Management Service)
- Services to Schools (Education Library Services, Instrumental Music Teaching Service and Nottinghamshire Music Hub)

To find out more, and to join **Inspire**, please go to www.inspireculture.org.uk

Success for the Segelocum Archaeology Project!

A new project is aiming to unearth the secrets behind what is believed to be Nottinghamshire's largest Roman settlement.

Archaeologists from Nottinghamshire County Council have been working with Sturton-le-Steeple Parish Council to better understand the environment and way of life for people living in the former Roman town of Segelocum, modern day Littleborough, to the east of Retford on the River Trent.

Segelocum is thought to have been the largest of our five known Roman towns in the county, the other four sitting on the historic 'Fosse Way', which stretched from Exeter to Lincoln.

Part of the town lies beneath what is currently a farmer's field. Crop marks in the field have clearly

shown the outline of roads and buildings in the past (image available to download below) and a number of items have been recovered from the site during previous archaeological work, including pots and metal objects which are stored in the Bassetlaw Museum (image available to download below).

Following a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery fund, the Parish Council has secured a £36,000 grant which will be used to carry out a geophysical study of the former town along with fieldwalking and digging test pits in village gardens to examine how the area around the town developed.

The geophysical work, which will include the use of specialist equipment to scan the remains under the field and construct an image of the layout of Segelocum, is set to begin next month.

The fieldwalking and test pits are likely to be carried out next Spring, with local volunteers invited to work alongside Nottinghamshire County Council archaeologists on the scheme.

Lorraine Horsley, Community Archaeologist at Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "This is a really exciting project which will help to lift the lid on what life was like in Nottinghamshire's largest Roman town.

"Many of the previous studies on Roman life have centred on major cities or large villas, but this project will give us a fascinating insight into the lives of people from all walks of life, giving us a better understanding of where and how they lived, worked and interacted.

"The fact that the majority of the site is directly beneath a field makes it a perfect location because we have no subsequent development to work around. It's fantastic that the local community will be so heavily involved in this project and that they will be able to discover, with us, the amazing history that lies beneath their feet."

Karen Howard, Chair of Sturton Le Steeple Parish Council said "We are delighted that we have been able to secure funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support this project. We know that there is a lot of interest amongst local residents, and we are particularly pleased to receive support from the local primary schools and neighbouring Parish Councils. We are all now looking forward to getting stuck in to discover for ourselves more of the Roman heritage on our side of the River Trent

You can find further information about the project and sign up to the project mailing list on the Sturton le Steeple website at www.sturton-le-steeple.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/

Tell us what you think, and maybe win a prize!

The University of Nottingham Museum recently received Resilience Funding from Arts Council England to help us make a step change with the development of the Museum. This incredible opportunity has allowed us to bring in new staff and move forward with developing our programmes of events, learning and exhibitions.

As part of this development we would like to ask you about the Museum and its events - what you enjoy and other things you would be interested in seeing. We would be very grateful if you could fill in the following (and very short) questionnaire by Friday 11 December:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5Q32RY5>

All of those taking part will be placed in a draw with the winner receiving £25 to spend in the Museum shop. This is great timing as we have just launched our new shop range of unique

products inspired by our very own collections including, jewellery, glass, ceramics, pocket mirrors, tea towels (my particular favourite!) and tote bags. We also have a great range of books.

Clare Pickersgill, Keeper, University of Nottingham Museum



Visits to Manuscripts and Special Collections at the University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham Department of Manuscripts and Special Collections offers visits for local groups. These usually take the form of a talk by a member of staff, giving an overview of the department and the collections, a display of original material and a tour of the reading room and archive store.

If anyone is interested in arranging a visit for their organisation please contact Hayley Cotterill to discuss the details Tel: 0115 951 4562 or E-mail: hayley.cotterill@nottingham.ac.uk.

These visits tend to be very well received and the collections would offer lots of material of interest to any organisation or group.

[Read more.](#)

New University of Nottingham Museum Education Programme



Ellie Ball has joined the Museum team as Creative Learning Officer. Ellie will be developing an exciting new programme of workshops, activities and events for visitors to the museum and for schools. If you are a teacher and interested in Prehistory, the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons and more, as well as classroom-based Travelling Exhibitions and outdoor local history activities, you can contact Ellie at: eleanor.ball@nottingham.ac.uk or 0115 748 6264.

[Read more.](#)



Portable Antiquities Scheme – Finds Liaison Officer at the University of Nottingham Museum

The Portable Antiquities Scheme records archaeological objects found in England and Wales. Many are found by metal-detector users, but also by people whilst out walking, gardening or going about their daily work. The scheme's database holds records of more than 1.1 million artefacts and coins found by the public. Records are accessible to the public at www.finds.org.uk.

Alastair Willis (Finds Liaison Officer for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) will now be working at The University of Nottingham Museum on the third Tuesday of each month and can help identify and record objects you have found that are over 300 years old. For large numbers of objects, please make an appointment in advance by calling 01332 641 903 or emailing alastair@derbymuseums.org.

For single or small numbers of objects feel free to drop in to the Museum between 11am and 4pm.

[Read more.](#)

From James Bromwich

I found your journal (*The Nottinghamshire Historian*) when finding out about the Sherwood Estate designed by Howitts and lived in by my father in 1930-31. I hope to read issue 86 to get a broader picture of its development.

My background and education is as a historian and I have written books on Roman archaeology in France, but in the last couple of years I have become interested in my personal historical heritage. I was born in Nottingham as was my mother, but we left when I was 9 (however, I still support and go to see Nottingham Forest).

I am investigating my family's experiences in Nottingham between 1918 and 1948. My grandfather Frederick Dudman Bromwich was resident manager of the Hippodrome theatre 1918-1927 (when it converted to a cinema). My father, his son, Fred Stephen Bromwich and his wife Elaine Bromwich were very active in the progressive drama movement embodied in the Philodramatic Society and the Cooperative Arts theatre from the late 30s and 40s, before both left for Amersham then London in 1949.

I am particularly interested in whether there been any published research done on the areas listed below? Is there anyone with a special knowledge in these fields?

- I am interested in finding out more on the amateur/semi-professional theatre that thrived in Nottingham in the later 1930s and 40s.
- My father was in charge of a wartime civil defence ambulance squad. I would like to know more about his work if possible.
- My father Fred worked for regional CEMA (predecessor of Arts Council) in the immediate post-war period. Are there local records about this organisation?

Hoping you may be able to help,

James Bromwich jamesbromwich@me.com

Attenborough Heritage Explorers

A community heritage group in Broxtowe, called the Attenborough Heritage Explorers (www.attenborough-heritage.org.uk/) are looking into the possibility of a future heritage project at or about what is now Attenborough Nature Reserve. They've designed a questionnaire to see if people think there is a need or value to this, what they think it's important to look at, and what kind of opportunities they would like to see it involve.

Please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9SMPZJV>

Life Lines

The **Life Lines** Collection brings together research on individual's lives during the First World War. Stories come to life through artefacts such as Horace's notebook, William's postcards home, John's Bible and Albert's poems.

Historical documents trace their experiences: medal records, factory photographs, medical notes, demobilisation certificates and census records help to explain what happened to their ancestors in the Great War.

Life Lines is an archive project that aims to open the Weston Gallery and the University of Nottingham's Department of Manuscripts and Special Collections to a wider audience. The Life Lines group formed through a series of workshops with experts from The University of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Archives, which focused on exploring, sharing and caring for their personal World War One collections. Together, the group learnt how to digitise their items, correctly store them and exhibit them to the public.

Each **Life Lines** group members' starting points were vastly different, reflecting the variety of their interests and family histories. David, Caroline, Michael and Carole had family heirlooms; Margaret had a book on the Canary Girls; Carole and Michael were researching the war for an exhibition in Granby and Claire had heard stories of her great grandfathers' fates. Links between their stories and common themes quickly began to emerge, with each new piece of research inspiring the next. There were several eureka moments; when a long lost grave was located or a photograph was unearthed, and plenty of un-anticipated outcomes, such as a book.

Life Lines was part of Innovation in Museum Displays, a Nottingham Trent University grant scheme project with East Midlands Museums Service, funded by Arts Council England. This supported heritage organisations to experiment with "encouraging dialogue between the museum and the user and to get visitors talking to each other", and take risks by trying something new at a low cost. Life Lines created a partnership between Nottingham Lakeside Arts and Manuscripts and Special Collections of The University of Nottingham, with Nottinghamshire Archives and Digital Humanities Centre. It was project managed by Ruth Lewis-Jones, Learning Officer for Nottingham Lakeside Arts, and Charlotte Pratley, Managing Director of Culture Syndicates CIC.

Peter Knott, Area Director, Midlands, Arts Council England said of the project:

"Our investment in this project was to support archives and museums to find new ways to work with local communities, so more people benefit from their collections and expertise. Many of us will have histories and artefacts passed down to us through generations which fit into a bigger picture. It's fantastic to see David, Caroline, Michael and Carole having the opportunity to research their histories and share their discoveries in Life Lines."

The launch was held at 4pm at Wednesday 18th November 2015 at Nottinghamshire Archives. The group will continue to meet and hope to gain further funding to take their WW1 research activities further. You can see more of their work and resources at www.lifelineslakeside.org.uk. The group are also seeking new members so if you would like to join the group in their next WW1 research adventure, please visit www.lifelineslakeside.org.uk or contact Charlotte Pratley on the details below.

- charlie@culturesyndicates.co.uk
- 07766241791

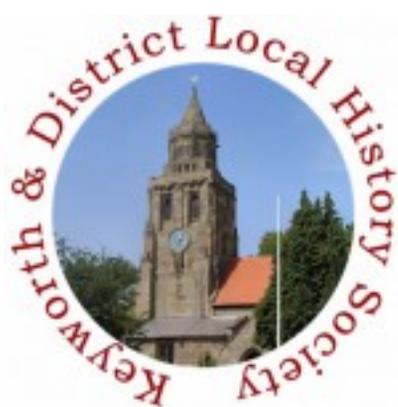


LOCAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Nottingham's Industrial Heritage, East Bridgford LHG

Presented by John Whitfield on 1st December 2015 at East Bridgford Methodist Church commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)



Christmas Party, Keyworth & District LHS

Members Christmas party with musical entertainment on Friday 4th December 2015 at Keyworth Centenary Lodge commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)



George and Daisy, West Bridgford & District LHS

The famous local jockey and his infamous wife - presented by David Dunford on Friday 4th December 2015 at West Bridgford Lutterell Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)



Hands on at the Museum, University of Nottingham Museum

A merry medieval christmas gallery tour at the University of Nottingham Museum on Saturday 5th December between 11.15am and 12:45pm and again between 1:30 and 3:00pm. Cost £4. Age 10+. Meet in the museum. Book online at www.lakesidearts.org.uk or phone 0115 846 7777.

[Read more.](#)



Christmas at Newstead Abbey

Why not join us for one of three really special Christmas events this year,

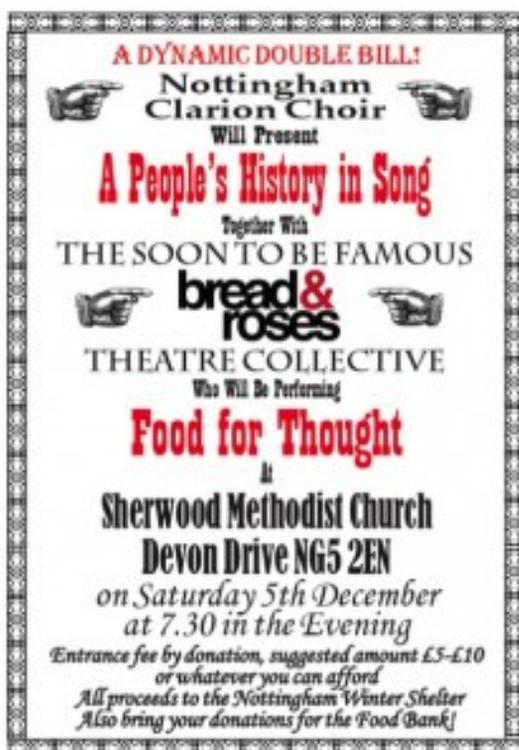
with two full weekends of entertainment, 28/29 November and 5/6 December, 11:00am to 4:00pm, at Newstead Abbey, including house tours, Santa, Crafts and festive fun and also the chance to see the House twinkling with Christmas lights on Friday 4th December until 7pm.

[Read more.](#)

Make a Knitted Sack for Christmas, Framework Knitters Museum

On 5th December 2015 at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington between 2:00pm and 6:00pm visitors will have the chance to make their own knitted sack for Christmas on historic machines. Admission to the museum is free but sack making will cost £5 per person.

[Read more.](#)



A People's History in Song, Nottingham Clarion Choir

On Saturday 5th December from 7.30pm at Sherwood Methodist Church Nottingham Clarion Choir will be performing "A People's History in Song" whilst a new theatre company called Bread and Roses will be performing their wonderful musical drama "Food For Thought." Entrance fee is by donation and all proceeds will go to the Nottingham Winter Shelter.

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How the University has changed since the 1950s, Lakeside Arts

On Monday 7th December 2015 at 1-2pm in the Djanogly Theatre, Nottingham Lakeside Emeritus Professor Malcolm Jones will give a talk and offer glimpses into how the University has changed since the 1950s, combining institutional history with personal reflection. This is a FREE event. Book a ticket by calling 0115 846 7777

[Read more.](#)



The Archaeology of the Tram Route, Numismatic Society

Presented by Dr. Gareth Davies on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at
University of Nottingham Lakeside commencing at 7:00pm.

[Read more.](#)

Christmas social event, Stapleford & District LHS

Stapleford and District Local History Society's Christmas social event will take place
at Maycliffe Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th December 2015.

[Read more.](#)

An Elizabethan Christmas, Retford and District H & A S

Presented by Maureen Taylor at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at Chapelgate Hall
and followed by mice pies, tea and coffee.

[Read more.](#)

Social Evening, East Leake & District LHA

East Leake and District Local History Association's social evening will take place on Wednesday
9th December at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church

[Read more.](#)

Opening up the Archives, Life Lines

On Friday 11th December 2015 at King's Meadow Campus between 10:00am and 1:00pm the Life
Lines Group will demonstrate how to use Manuscripts & Special Collections' archives and
facilities. This is a FREE event but booking is essential on 0115 846 7777

[Read more.](#)

Christmas Diary Readings, Nottinghamshire Archives

On Friday 11th December commencing at 2:30pm at Nottinghamshire Archives enjoy a cup of tea
and a mince-pie while you listen to a selection of Christmas readings. Cost is £4 and BOOKING IS
ESSENTIAL. Telephone 0115 958 1634 or email archives@nottscc.gov.uk

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Local History Seminar, University of Nottingham

On 12 December 2015 at Lenton Grove on the University of Nottingham's University Park campus

commencing at 10:00am Dr. Helen Fenwick will present Beresford's Lost Villages Website. The seminar will review the work undertaken creating the website and the sources used to investigate deserted medieval settlements. Dr. Fenwick lectures in Archaeology at Hull and researches medieval settlements and landscapes.

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Victorian Christmas Extravaganza, Framework Knitters Museum

The popular annual Victorian Christmas event returns to the Framework Knitters Museum at Ruddington on Saturday 12 December between 10:00am and 5:00pm.

[Read more.](#)



Getting Crafty at Christmas, University of Nottingham Museum

A family workshop inspired by Roman and Anglo-Saxon festive traditions on Saturday 12th December between 1:30 and 3:00pm at the University of Nottingham Museum. Age 7+. Cost £8 (includes Christmas refreshments). Book online at www.lakesidearts.org.uk or phone 0115 846 7777

[Read more.](#)

Christmas Crackers, Friends of Nottingham Museums

Presented by Janette Merilion at Nottingham Castle Studio 1 on Saturday 12 December 2015 commencing at 2:00pm. Members only.



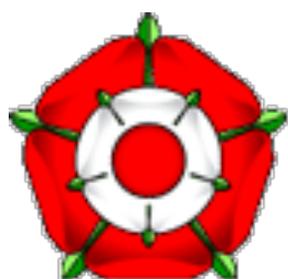
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From Failure to Success: The East Midlands and The Triumph of Magna Carta, The Thoroton Society

Neville Hoskins Lecture presented by David Crook of The University of Nottingham on 12 December at the Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, NOTTINGHAM NG1 4EZ at 2.30 pm.

[Read more.](#)



*Pentagon
Local
History
Society*

Xmas Party and Quiz Night, Pentagon LHS

Presented by Bob Neale on Wednesday 16th
December 2015 at Elston Village Hall commencing

at 7:30pm. Members £1.50, non-members £2.00.

[Read more.](#)

Guess the Object, Bingham & District LHS

Presented by Peter Hammond on Thursday 17 December 2015 at The Old Courthouse commencing at 7:15pm. Seasonal nibbles and drinks.

[Read more.](#)

Christmas Party, North Muskham LHG

North Muskham Local History Group's Christmas party will take place on Monday 21st December at North Muskham Village Hall commencing at 7:30 pm. Bring food to share.

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AND FINALLY

Important Dates for 2016

NLHA Spring Day-School and AGM - Saturday 19 March 2016

NLHA Autumn Day-School - Saturday 22 October 2015

NLHA Committee Meetings: Tuesday 19 January 2016, Tuesday 19 April 2016, Tuesday 19 July 2016, Tuesday 18 October 2016

Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair (Mansfield) - Sunday 8 May 2016

NLHA subscriptions are due on 01 January 2016.

News and Events

We are happy to publish any news or events, from individuals or groups, regardless of whether or not they are NLHA members as long as the topic relates to Nottinghamshire local history. Please send material by email to chairman@nlha.org.uk.

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