



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS

### Greasley Castle and Manor Farms History Project

**FARM-FEST 2016 will be held on Farm Open Day, Sunday  
5th June at Greasley Castle Farm, Church Road, Greasley. NG16  
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A unique opportunity to see Medieval Castle remains, now part of the farm buildings, open to the public for the first time.

Historic Farm Tours taking approximately 30 minutes will take place at: 10.30am, 11.15am, 12 noon, 12.45pm, 1.30pm, 2.15pm and 3.00pm

Please register at the Green Scout Hut near the farm entrance or email [jen.wren@btopenworld.com](mailto:jen.wren@btopenworld.com) (phone 01773 764454) to book a place.

Sensible footwear will be necessary. There is no charge for the tours, or the accompanying souvenir leaflet, but donations would be appreciated – all funds raised will go to the Castle and Manor Farms History Project, starting soon.

A church historian will be available in the church, open between 1pm and 4pm.

Farm open 10am to 4pm, free entry to all attractions, but donations welcome

Cash & other prizes for:

- 'Find Roger Rooster' family competition, 10am to 4pm, around the farm
- Talent competition in Church Hall 2pm, all ages (Winner on stage 8pm)

From 4pm to 10pm, afternoon and evening entertainment with live music will be in the adjacent Church Hall

Food available 2pm to 8pm, bar open 2pm to 10pm. Entry to hall by donation

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# World War 1 Engagement Centres

To mark the centenary of the First World War, the Arts and Humanities Research Council has funded five First World War engagement centres which connect communities with researchers from universities. The centres can support First World War research by:

- Providing support for community projects, including those funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund
- Connecting projects with academic advisers.
- Recommending archives and resources.
- Advising on documenting and sharing research findings.
- Coordinating training and events.
- Promoting First World War centenary projects.
- Sharing stories about the First World War.

Each of the five engagement centres focuses on a number of key themes relating to the First World War and its legacies, so whatever the subject of your project there should be somebody to help. The centres bring together teams of researchers from all over the UK who are keen to get involved with projects, share their knowledge, and support communities who are commemorating the centenary of the First World War.

Our local centre is the **CENTRE FOR HIDDEN HISTORIES** based at the University of Nottingham which looks at the experience of different ethnic, faith and national groups in the years 1914-1918 and the impact that the war had, and continues to have, on the diverse communities of modern Britain. The aim is to help spread a broader understanding of the First World War as a global conflict and help groups excluded from established mainstream coverage to explore and share their stories.

The Centre's themes include race, empire, migration and displacement, independence movements, remembrance and commemoration, contrasting national and community memories of the war.

The Centre is keen to work with a diverse range of community groups including those from Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, West Indian/Caribbean, Eastern European and Jewish communities. Support is available to groups that wish to carry out projects related to the war in partnership with professional researchers. Current projects include investigations into the experience of Punjabi communities, the internment of British Germans in the UK and the variety of experiences of people from Eastern Europe.

More information at: [ww1engage.org.uk/engagement-centres/centre-for-hidden-histories/](http://ww1engage.org.uk/engagement-centres/centre-for-hidden-histories/)



## Jutland, 31 May 1916

250 ships and 100,000 men were involved in the only major naval surface engagement of World War I which took place off Denmark's North Sea coast on Wednesday May 31st 1916. The battle began in the afternoon with gunfire between the German and British scouting forces.

See Society Events for talk at Nottinghamshire Archives on 31 May 2016. ...

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# We dig the Castle! is back for 2016

In this training excavation members of the community will learn hands-on archaeology by being part of a small team working with professional archaeologists to complete a real dig. They'll be excavating the outer bailey at Nottingham Castle, and we hope to uncover evidence of the Civil War period or the medieval occupants of the castle.

We Dig the Castle! The training excavation is running 18 July to 19 August, on weekdays, from 9.30 to 4pm.

The We Dig the Castle! team at Trent and Peak Archaeology (0115 8967400 or [nottinghamcastle@yorkat.co.uk](mailto:nottinghamcastle@yorkat.co.uk)) is very happy to provide more information or answer any questions. ...

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## We Dig the Castle! 2016

Be part of the 2016 Nottingham Castle training excavation

18 July - 19 August 2016

Learn how to carry out hands-on archaeology, working in the Outer Bailey of the world-famous Nottingham Castle.

For people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire we have a limited number of 1 and 2 day training places free of charge. Free places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Taster days cost £30. Daily rates are reduced for booking 5 days or more - for details get in touch.

Ages 16-plus (or over 14 if attending with a parent/guardian)

For more information contact Trent & Peak Archaeology  
0115 8967400 or [nottinghamcastle@yorkat.co.uk](mailto:nottinghamcastle@yorkat.co.uk)

Find out more about Nottingham Castle's history at  
[www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/explore/history](http://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/explore/history)

We Dig the Castle! is a partnership between Nottingham City Council, Historic England and Trent & Peak Archaeology, as part of Archaeology Live!  
Free places are kindly sponsored by Nottingham City Council.



## Milton Mausoleum

Completed in 1833, this splendid classical building with its domed tower was designed by Sir Robert Smirke, inspired by a temple he had visited on the banks of the Ilyus at Athens. Commissioned by the 4th Duke of Newcastle as a mausoleum for his wife, designed to reflect the family's wealth and status, the building is unusual in that a parish church is incorporated into the mausoleum, with the nave separated from it by an elegant Ionic reredos screen. Inside is Sir Richard Westmacott's stunning marble memorial to Georgiana, Duchess of Newcastle, and her twin babies.

In 1949 financial difficulties forced the Duke to inform the diocese that he was no longer able to fund its upkeep. After years of disrepair, neglect and vandalism the Mausoleum was rescued by the Redundant Churches Fund, now known as The Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk.

Address: Markham Clinton, The Avenue, Milton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 0PW

See more at: [www.visitchurches.org.uk/Ourchurches/Completelistofchurches/Milton-Mausoleum-Markham-Clinton-Nottinghamshire/#sthash.i8k7etCv.dpuf](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/Ourchurches/Completelistofchurches/Milton-Mausoleum-Markham-Clinton-Nottinghamshire/#sthash.i8k7etCv.dpuf) ...

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# The Nottingham Green Spaces Project

The Nottingham Green Spaces Project is arranging a series of **FREE** events that will happen over the summer. Some are for adults and some for children. We hope that everyone will find something to their taste and will join us at least once. Please put these dates in your diary.

**POETRY WRITING COMPETITION:** This is open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Nottinghamshire. We're looking for lively original poems about Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces. There will be cash prizes for the best three, and another seven will be 'commended'. All ten poems will be included in the Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces Exhibition in the Local Studies Library, Angel Row. It is also anticipated that they will feature in a small publication about the Green Spaces project to be published in collaboration with Nottinghamshire Local History Association.

More details about the competition, the Terms and Conditions, Entry Form and other information will be available on the Project's website [www.ng-spaces.org.uk](http://www.ng-spaces.org.uk) from the first week in June. The competition ends on 1 August 2016.

**BREATHING SPACES** is a community play, specially commissioned for the Green Spaces project. It is written by Andy Barrett, Artistic Director of [Excavate](#) and will be performed by community actors and members of the Friends groups and other organisations associated with the project. It is based on the research done by the academic project team and the community partners during the original 'The Social World of Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces' project (2013-4).

Based on the community history project 'The Social World of Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces', this promenade performance by a community cast is suitable for people of all ages who have an interest in and a love of these green lungs of Nottingham. Featuring live music and a host of characters from across the ages, this highly visual performance will lead the audience on a journey through the parks and their history. Why were they created? How have they been used over the last 170 years? And what lessons can be learnt from this as we move into the future?

Performance Dates:

- 16 July 2016: Queen's Walk Recreation Ground (noon)
- 17 July 2016: The Forest (noon) and Victoria Park (4pm)
- 24 July 2016: The Arboretum (noon and 4pm)

Details of where the performances will start from will be published on the website [www.ng-spaces.org.uk](http://www.ng-spaces.org.uk) nearer the time.

**VICTORIAN CHILDREN'S GAMES** sessions are being led by Peter Hammond from [Hands on our History](#). They will give 21st century children the opportunity to experience, hands-on, the toys and games used by their great, great, great, (and possibly great) grandparents. They are suitable for children from the age of 5-13, who must be accompanied by an adult. They will all start at 2pm.

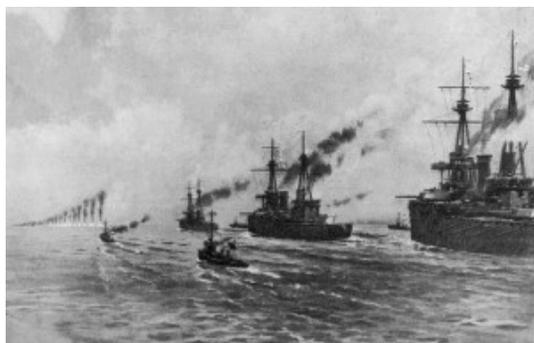
Dates and places

- 16 July 2016: Queen's Walk Recreation Ground
- 24 July 2016: The Arboretum
- 16 August 2016: Local Studies Library, 1st Floor, Central Library, Angel Row

More events to follow in the next announcement. Check website for further details



## SOCIETY EVENTS



### The Battle of Jutland, Nottinghamshire Archives

Please join us at 7pm, Tuesday 31st May at Nottinghamshire Archives for a commemoration of the Battle of Jutland, as seen through the eyes of a

Nottinghamshire Royal Marine Gunner serving on board HMS INDOMITABLE and the Commanding Officer of the light cruiser HMS NOTTINGHAM. Based on an original account of the battle held in Nottinghamshire Archives. Admission free

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### Wheee! Festival: Roman Playtime, U-o-N Museum

On Saturday 4 June 2016; 11am-4pm; at the University of Nottingham Museum; Suitable for families and children of all ages Find out what it was like to be a child in Ancient Rome! Try out toys and games just like the ones Roman children played with, and have a go at dressing up like a Roman child! ...

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## Celebrating 150 Years of Nottingham Theatre Royal, Farnsfield LHS

Presented by David Longford on Monday 6th June 2016 at the Lower Hall of Farnsfield Village Centre commencing at 7:30pm

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### A guided walk with John Beckett

In this Friends of University Park event, join Professor John Beckett (Department of History) for a guided walk through Highfields Estate and the creation of University Park. Meet in the quad of the Trent Building at 7.00pm, Tuesday 7th June 2016.

[Read more.](#)

## Provenance: new and collected stories, Bromley House Library

On Wednesday 8th June 2016 at Bromley House local author David Belbin will talk about his new collection of short stories 'Provenance: new and collected stories' due for publication in 2016. 2pm – 3pm Doors open at 1.45pm. David is the author of forty novels for teenagers and several books for older readers. ...

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## Hearts of Oak, Lenton LHS

Presented by Bob Massey on Wednesday 8th June 2016 at Dunkirk Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm.

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## Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum open, Wollaton H&CS

'Teddy Bear's Picnic' weather permitting. Display: 'Childhood'. Guided walk round Wollaton village and church 3.00p.m., 12 June 2016.

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## The British Legion Poppies, Stapleford and District LHS

Presented by Malcolm Jarvis on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at St Helen's Church Hall commencing at 7:00pm.

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## The Afterlife of Oliver Twist, Bromley House Library

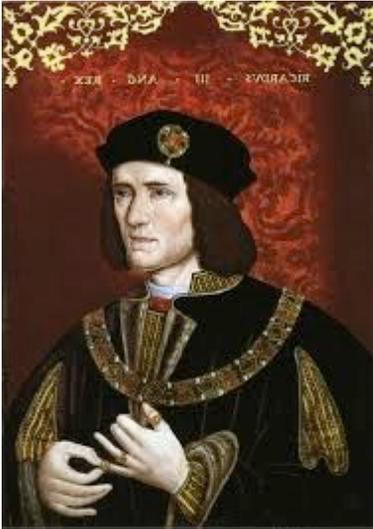
Presented by Dr Andrew Gritt at Bromley House on Wednesday 15th June 2016, 2pm – 3pm. Doors open at 1.45pm. There is arguably no other nineteenth century novel that continues to influence public opinion to the extent that Dickens' Oliver Twist does. ...

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# Beeston: Chilwell and the Battle of the Somme, Beeston & District LHS

Presented by John Beckett on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at Chilwell Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30p.m.

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## Excursion: Richard III, The Thoroton Society

On Thursday 16th June 2016 to the Richard III Centre Leicester and Bosworth Battlefield. Led by Alan Langton. The excursion will proceed to the Visitor Centre at Leicester Cathedral where there will be a talk by Dr. Matthew Morris by a tour of the Centre and an opportunity to lunch there or in a nearby cafe. ...

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## Guided walk 'Old Coach Road, Wollaton Canal & Martin's Pond, Wollaton H&CS

Meet outside Wollaton Library, Bramcote Lane 7.00p.m. on 16 June 2016, duration approx 2 hours.

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## Framework Knitters, Woodborough LHG

Presented by Kathy on Thursday 14th June 2016 at The Institute, Woodborough commencing at 7:30pm.

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## Plans for Nottingham Castle, Friends of Nottingham Museums

On 18th June 2016 at Studio 1 at Nottingham Castle commencing at 2:00pm Heather Mayfield, Trust Chief Executive, will outline plans for the castle

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On Tuesday 21 June 2016 between 2:30pm -3:30pm at Nottinghamshire Archives you can explore your county's history with a behind-the-scenes tour of Nottinghamshire Archives and discover how we care for Nottinghamshire's written heritage. Suitable for adults and children aged 12+ accompanied by an adult. Advance booking is essential, to book, visit the Archives or call 0115 958 1634.

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## The Civil War in Nottinghamshire, Southwell and District LHS

Presented by Martyn Bennett on 22nd June 2016 at The Old Court House, The Burgage, Southwell commencing at 7:30pm.

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## The Dukeries Singers Evening Concert, Friends of the Mausoleum

On Saturday 25th June at 7:00pm at Milton Mausoleum the Dukeries Singers will present an evening concert. There is no charge for tickets The Mausoleum is open every Sunday 2:00pm to 4:00pm from 1st May to 25th September 2016.

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## Guided Tour of Harlaxton Manor, Lambley HS

On Sunday 26th June 2016 there will be a tour of the house plus free time in the gardens

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## Midsummer Tea Party, Friends of the Mausoleum

On Sunday 26th June 2016 at 2:00pm at Milton Mausoleum  
The Churches Conservation Trust will be holding a  
Midsummer Tea Party with music at the Mausoleum  
followed by tea at 3:00

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## Tour of the Gardens of Newstead Abbey, The Thoroton Society

On Thursday 30th June 2016 at either 11:00am or 2:30pm Philip Jones and Michael Riley will lead a tour of the formal gardens at Newstead Abbey. Each tour will last about 1.5 hours and will involve steps and narrow paths and will be dependent on weather conditions. ...

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## 14th Annual Great Nottingham Inclosure Walk, Nottingham Green Spaces.

1.30 pm Sunday 3rd July 2016. Starts at the river end of Queens Walk, Nottingham, near to Wilford Bridge. Now accessible by tram (Clifton Line) from city centre or station.

This walk goes through all the Recreation Grounds allotted to the townsfolk when their commonable Fields and Meadows were enclosed to give more space for desperately-needed housing. No other town in Britain has anything like it.

Much of this ground was laid out as Walks, recognising that cricket and other team games and events need catering for, and play-space, but that the regular Sunday walks of the family were just as important for the Town's health....

Dr. Judith Mills will start the Walk and she and Dr. Jonathan Coope will accompany the walk to explain the importance of the 1845 Inclosure Act and discuss how the parks and open spaces created by that Act have been used, abused and developed over the last 171 years.



HELP

## Major Lord Walter John Hervey

Caroline Baxter is a volunteer at Ickworth House near Bury St. Edmunds (the house was built between 1795 and 1829, was formerly owned by the Hervey family, later Marquesses of Bristol, now owned by The National Trust). She is undertaking research on various aspects of how the Great War affected the Estate and villages and is putting together an exhibition but has come to a full stop with Major Lord Walter John Hervey (29.2.1865 - 13.7.1948 dsp). He was a connection of the 4th Marquess of Bristol and a major in 1915 in the Army Remount Service, and was a JP in Nottinghamshire. She is looking for information and a photograph/image of him and wondered if we could help. Anyone with any information should contact me at [chairman@nlha.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk)



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## Important Dates for 2016

- **Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 2nd August, Tuesday 1st November.
- **NLHA Autumn Day-School:** Saturday 22 October 2016
- **NLHA Committee Meetings:** Tuesday 19 July 2016, Tuesday 18 October 2016
- **3rd Nottinghamshire Local History and Archaeology Day (Lakeside):** Saturday 9 July 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](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk).

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