



# Nottinghamshire Local History Association



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## Beauvale Priory Open Weekend

Beauvale Abbey Farm, New Road, Moorgreen, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, NG16 2AA



*Priory Ruins*

This Carthusian Priory was founded in 1343 and mentioned in D.H. Lawrence's novel *Sons and Lovers* as well as his short story 'A Fragment of Stained Glass'. Situated on Beauvale Abbey Farm today the remains of the Abbey are being painstakingly restored, with funding from English Heritage and active passion and support from the current owners. This is a unique opportunity to discover more about the heritage and future of this historic site. Guided tours of the Priory. Refreshments will be served in the Gatehouse Tea Rooms along with fresh farm produce available to buy. 'From Nuttall, high up on the sandstone among the woods, the railway ran, past the ruined priory of the Carthusians...' *Sons and Lovers*, D.H. Lawrence The Priory is situated on a farm with a number of chickens roaming free, as well as other livestock on the site. Opening times **Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September** 10-4pm tours 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm **Sunday 15th September** 10-4pm.

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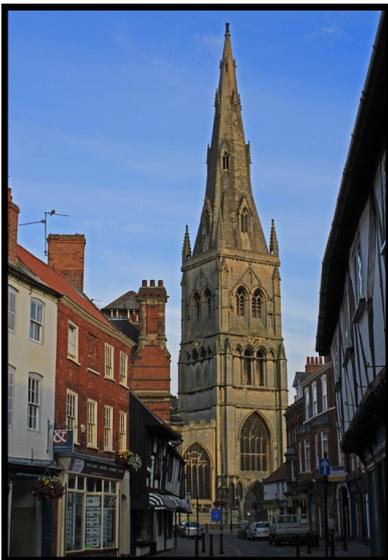
## Celebration of the Forest Saturday 31st

**August 12** –4pm Forest Recreation Ground. An official opening ceremony will take place to mark the completion of the heritage restoration of the Forest Recreation Ground. There is a wide range of activities and entertainment on offer including falconry, circus skills, art workshops, local history & tree tours with music from the Ilkeston Brass Band. A photography exhibition based on the famous Goose Fair will be previewed during the opening ceremony. Photographer David Severn was awarded an Arts Council Grant to photograph the fair. The images will be displayed alongside historic fairground ephemera (old posters and ride tokens) sourced from the National Fairground Archive at the University of Sheffield. The general public will also be able to view the exhibition whilst Goose Fair is on between 2 and 6 October.

## Ripley Rattler

NLHA's Angel Row Local History Forum, Central Library, Nottingham.

**3 September** 10am - 10.30pm special Angel Row Local History Forum at 10:00 – 10:30 on Tuesday 03 September at the Local Studies Library, Nottingham Central Library, Angel Row in Nottingham. We have managed to get a video, originally produced by Nottinghamshire County Council's Education Resources Service in 1986, converted down onto cd to show in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Ripley to Nottingham tramway service in 1913. In its time The Ripley Rattlers had the reputation of being the most dangerous tram service in the entire British Isles and featured in a short story called 'Tickets Please' by D.H. Lawrence. Just turn up on the day or contact the NLHA via our details above.



Newark town centre

'THE ONE DUTY  
WE OWE TO  
HISTORY IS TO  
REWRITE IT'. -  
OSCAR WILDE

## Tour of Newark: Medieval and Post Reformation

Friday 13th September: Tour 10am - 12 noon Newark Castle and Gardens, Castlegate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1BG. Tour of Newark: Medieval and Post Reformation Christian Sites. Discover Newark's early religious history. Leader Anne Coyne. Meet at the Bronze model in the Castle grounds. FREE.

**Amcott House - Bassetlaw Museum** Saturday 14th September: 9.30pm - 4pm, Hourly tours 10am - 3pm 40 Grove Street, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6LD Built about 1750 the property was largely remodelled about 1780 when it became known as Amcott House after its owner Sir Wharton Amcotts. The house comprised a dining room, drawing room, breakfast room and library on the ground floor, with 4 bedrooms and 2 dressing rooms on the first floor. The servants' quarters were in the attic and the kitchen service wing. Remarkably, over the last 200 years the building and fittings have not been greatly altered. The house has a centrally placed front doorway of the Venetian style. Inside there are some fine Adam style plaster ceilings with two Italianate wall paintings in the Drawing room. The main staircase has a wrought iron balustrade. The building is now the Bassetlaw Museum run by Bassetlaw District Council and has a collection that includes local history, archaeology, decorative and fine art, agriculture, costume and textiles. The museum has recently been refurbished and extended with excellent display and educational facilities. Hourly tours. 'Discovering Retford' DVD showing in Education Room. A display of old cars behind the Museum. In the extensive grounds there will be displays of traditional building skills and crafts. Demonstrations will be taking place with the opportunity for hands on experience in covered areas.

**Mapping Monuments** - The Atlas of Hillforts Project is calling for volunteers to help it record every Iron Age hillfort in Britain and Ireland. Headed by Profs Gary Lock (University of Oxford) and Ian Ralton (University of Edinburgh) the aim is to collect data on this type of monument to create a paper atlas and a searchable online resource. If you have an interest, as an individual or local group please visit [www.ox.ac.uk/hillforts-atlas-survey.html](http://www.ox.ac.uk/hillforts-atlas-survey.html). Nottinghamshire hillforts recorded are the Oldox at Oxton, and Markland and Hollinhill Grips on the Nottinghamshire Derbyshire border, Nottingham Castle is believed to have been built upon a hillfort but all evidence has now been obliterated. Foxwood at Woodborough has been identified as a possible hillfort but overgrowth and woodland have obscured any evidence. Do you have knowledge of any others?



Hillfort. Source: English Heritage

## Behind The Scenes Tours Of Wollaton Hall:

**From Willoughby To Wayne** Wollaton Hall, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2AE Tel: 0115 8763100 until 31st October 2013 Daily at 11.30am and 2.30pm Join guides for a fascinating 45 minute tour of Wollaton Hall to hear its intriguing history. Scale the dizzy heights of the Hall and visit the magnificent Prospect Room, taking in the spectacular views over the park before descending into the depths of the Hall to discover the Tudor Kitchens and subterranean cellars. Also hear how the Hall was transformed into Wayne Manor for the latest in Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy - The Dark Knight

## Nottinghamshire Mapping Project

I recently came across the Nottinghamshire Mapping Project part of the National Mapping Programme. They have produced a report detailing archaeological sites photographed by Air Photo Services between 1991 and 1997. With ongoing threats to the archaeological resources - from industrial and residential development, aggregate extraction, and landscape redevelopment it was felt that a project to map all of these sites with a consistent form of photographic record was needed both locally and nationally. Photographs were taken of sites identified as a high priority by both the SME and RCHME and each image derived archaeological data to a 1:10 000 scale. To read the full report on Nottinghamshire click on the link or go to [www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/nottinghamshire-nmp/NOTTINGHAMSHIRE\\_NMP\\_web.pdf](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/nottinghamshire-nmp/NOTTINGHAMSHIRE_NMP_web.pdf)

## Secret Intelligence and Hidden Evidence Surprising Finds in The University of Nottingham's Historic Collection

Friday 20th September - Sunday 5th January 11 am till 4pm Weston Gallery In a world of 24/7 news bulletins and social media channels, we have become familiar with the daily uncovering of secrets both public and private. This exhibition shows the ways in which the past can also yield up its secrets, and illustrates how evidence about historic events survives through surprising voices and in curious contexts. Records of government officers reveal the activities of early spies, and private correspondence provides frank and confidential views on scandals of the day. Contemporary accounts give partisan viewpoints or use satire to question official versions. In examples ranging from political propaganda to commercial advertising, we can see how information was disseminated or withheld by interested parties.

The display draws on the University of Nottingham's historic library collections. Glimpses of Britain's political and military history are seen in secret codes used to identify Jacobite supporters and in private bulletins of news from war zones in the nineteenth century. A personal perspective on political engagement is shown in the twentieth century campaigning activities of local midlands individuals. The theme of hidden value extends to evidence of literary and cultural buried treasure, including in the Mellish Psalter examples of rare texts that survived in the leaves of a church service book.

## The Frome Hoard

Wednesday 2nd October 1pm Djanogly Recital Hall FREE. The Frome Hoard is the largest pot of Roman coins found in Britain. 52,503 coins were found in April 2010 and date to the period AD253-90. Most importantly, the hoard enables a major appraisal of Carausius (AD 286-93), Britain's 'forgotten emperor' a man who defied Rome for ten years. This lecture will tell the story of Carausius, showing how the professional excavation of the hoard provides us with important insights into the reason for the seclusion of the coins. Following the talk there will be an opportunity to examine the coin collection of the University of Nottingham Museum with Anja Rhode (Derby Museums). Sam Moorhead, Portable Antiquities and Treasure, British Museum. Please book your place in advance at the Box Office on 0115 846 7777.

## Nottinghamshire Heritage Open Days

12th - 15th September. Various locations. During this weekend, many historic and community places are open to the public for free. For a detailed list of places of interest near to you see the website [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/county/nottinghamshire](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/county/nottinghamshire)



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Roman Coins  
from the  
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*Venus figurine from the Ice Age*

## Museum of Archaeology: The Shock of Old Ice Age art at the British Museum

Wednesday 13 November 1pm Djanogly Theatre. Following the exhibition *Ice Age art: the arrival of the mind*, this talk, by the Curator, will focus on some of the key objects and discuss their archaeological significance, as well as their relevance in deep history. Jill Cook, Department of Prehistory and Early Europe, British Museum.

Following this talk, there will be the opportunity to handle some Palaeolithic and Neolithic objects from the University of Nottingham Museum Collection.

Please book your place in advance at the Box Office on 0115 846 7777.

## Nottinghamshire Archives User Group (NAUG)

There are two vacancies for committee members of the NAUG one is for two years and the other for three. The Nottinghamshire Archives Users Group (NAUG) acts as a consultative forum to discuss developments and concerns relating to Nottinghamshire Archives.

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**The Mayflower Trail** If you are ever stuck for something to do in Nottinghamshire consider exploring some of the county's rich history. The Mayflower Trail is a circular tour taking you through peaceful villages and beautiful countryside. It includes many historic sites associated with the principal figures in the Pilgrim Father's story.

The Mayflower Trail begins in the village of **Babworth** at **All Saints Church**.

From here, it leads through Barnby Moor to **Scrooby**, where you can visit **St. Wilfrid's Church** and see **The Manor House**, the former home of William Brewster.

Back on the road, stop and explore **Bawtry**, a small bustling market town known as the Gateway to Yorkshire. Carry on to **Austerfield**, birthplace of William Bradford and visit **St. Helena's Church**. Leaving the church, head back through Bawtry towards Gainsborough. Take the time to visit **Gainsborough Old Hall**, a large timber framed, medieval manor house, where John Smyth held regular meetings.

From here stop at **Sturton-le-Steeple**, the birthplace of John Robinson. And then head to North Wheatley, a pretty village and home of Hugh Bromhead, one of the Gainsborough Separatists. To download a free leaflet go to: -

[http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/dbimsgs/Welcome\\_pilgrim\\_count\\_ry.pdf](http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/dbimsgs/Welcome_pilgrim_count_ry.pdf)

