



A Message from Ruth Imeson NLHA Acting Chair



Dear NLHA member, I hope this email finds you well. It has been three months since the 2020 NLHA AGM and Mayflower themed day school were postponed. A lot has happened in the world since then; a lot has happened in Nottinghamshire.

You will be aware that, after over a decade of exceptional work, John Parker made the decision to step down as Chair of the NLHA. I'm sure you will all join with me in extending our thanks to John for his dedication.

At a committee meeting held on 9th July I accepted the committee's nomination as Acting Chair, pending election by members at the forthcoming virtual AGM. Bob Massey agreed to be nominated as Acting Secretary, with the unsung hero David Anderson continuing as Treasurer.

Following on from Covid-19, lockdown and the rapid increase in online talks and events the committee is proposing that we undertake a review of the aims and work of NLHA. This will ensure that we are delivering the activity and support that you, our members, need and expect.

For those of you who do not know me I have worked in heritage for over twenty years, currently working as the "County Archivist" managing Nottinghamshire Archives with oversight over heritage throughout Inspire's county library network, plus the modern records service. I am also in the 1st year of a part-time PhD at the University of Nottingham researching early modern sermons.

I look forward to sharing more information as soon as I can.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Stay safe.

Ruth Imeson NLHA Acting Chair chairman@nlha.org.uk

NLHA AGM

As it appears that it will not be possible to hold a normal AGM for the foreseeable future the Committee has instead decided to hold a "virtual" AGM for 2020 by email, and by post for those members who do not use email. The process will attempt to replicate as closely as possible the steps involved in carrying out a normal AGM. Notifications and annual reports have already been sent out to members. Shortly after Thursday July 30th members will receive an email which will contain answers to any queries they have submitted. The email will also contain a link which will open a window containing a "survey style" questionnaire inviting members to vote on a series of motions. The virtual AGM date will be deemed to be Monday August 17th, 2020 which will be the last date on which votes will be valid. A week after the virtual AGM date members will be notified of the results of each motion.

For further information please email secretary@nlha.org.uk

University of Leicester Archaeological Services



A reminder that the series of online lectures on Leicestershire archaeology by members of the University of Leicester Archaeological Services are ongoing. Once they have been released you can watch them at any time up to 31st August on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/ulasnews/live/> No need to join Facebook to watch.

- Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm Richard III: The King Under the Car Park by Mathew Morris
- Thursday 16 July, 7.30pm Revealing Grey Friars: Leicester's Lost Franciscan Friary by Mathew Morris
- Tuesday 21 July, pre-recorded, available on Facebook Video from 7.30pm Roman Leicester in 2020: Recent Discoveries and Latest Views of Ratae Corieltavorum by Gavin Speed
- Thursday 23 July, 7.30pm The Story of the Enderby Shield: A unique bark artefact from the European Iron Age by Matthew Beamish
- Tuesday 28 July, 7.30pm Buildings, Burials and Bones: The story of Hallaton's lost pilgrims chapel by Vicki Score
- Thursday 30 July, 7.30pm Living with cauldrons: A unique Iron Age feasting and ritual site at Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire by John Thomas

There is also a national online archaeological festival: <https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/>

Charnwood Museum Loughborough

We cannot wait to welcome you back to the museum, but we ask you to be patient for a little bit longer! We have been busy making changes to the way we operate in preparation for reopening and still have some work to do. We have pulled together a survey to capture your thoughts about visiting the museum post lockdown and we would really appreciate it if you could complete it.



You can find the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/museumreturn>

The Charnwood Museum is a local history museum on Granby Street, Loughborough LE11 3DZ

Nottingham City Libraries



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City Council

We are pleased to have welcomed you back to some of our Libraries from Monday 6 July. You may have noticed, the way you can use the library has changed in line with government guidance. There are details about this, and which libraries will be open on the webpage

below. We will keep you updated with any further changes via this page.

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/coronavirus/>

This Inn Is Made From Tall Ship Timbers



James Wright presents a live online lecture with follow-up Q&A at 8:00pm on Saturday 15 August by The Folklore Podcast. The subject matter will be looking into stories of historic buildings that are alleged to be built from ship timbers (and, of course, there are a few examples included from Nottinghamshire).

This is a pay-per-view event (£5), details here:

https://thefolklorepodcast.weebly.com/store/p82/Aug_15%3A_THIS_INN_IS_MADE_FROM_TALL-SHIP_TIMBERS.html

National Civil War Centre, Newark

From Wednesday 15 July, the National Civil War Centre will be open Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10am – 3pm. To open with the safety of visitors and staff in mind, and to enable social distancing, there has been the introduction of new timed entry slots. It is strongly recommended that you book your slot in advance of visiting at:

<https://www.palacenewarktickets.com/en-GB/categories/national%20civil%20war%20centre%20admission>

The National Archives

On-Line Highlights for August: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

- **5 August, 17:00 | Restoring Charles II**
A rerun of Neil Johnston's talk on how Charles II secured his kingdoms and re-established himself and his government after the death of Oliver Cromwell.
- **Archive jigsaw: Wallpaper landmarks**
In our next archive jigsaw, find the pieces to a beautiful wallpaper sample from 1844, showcasing landmarks of Paris such as the Notre Dame and L'Arc du Triumph. The wallpaper was registered for copyright by William Evans.
- **Top Level Tips on YouTube**
Our 30-minute expert-led guides on YouTube will show you how to use our online catalogue, First World War and Migration records, and how to start your family history project.
- **Towards a National Collection**
The Towards a National Collection campaign aims to highlight cultural heritage collections across the UK and tell the stories that connect them. As partners of the campaign, we're excited to announce the launch of the programme website, where a new film has been released to showcase the connections between collections.

Diane Slaney NLHA Poet in Residence



Diane reports that she has written drafts of two new poems based on case studies provided by Janet Roberts and Stephen Walker, and when they have been through a few more edits she will share them with the historians for feedback.

Meanwhile if there are any other interesting and little known local historical characters – with a particular link to health or related issues - she'd love to receive information about them to help generate some more 'local voices' poems.

Anyone interested in doing this can contact Diane at Di@candlestickpress.co.uk

Diane's new book **Herd Queen** will be out in September, featuring the poem about John Barton and a few other local characters and landmarks.

An Appeal from The Friends of Elvaston Castle

Elvaston Castle Country Park is a Grade 11* listed, 315 acre park and gardens at Derby and is visited by hundreds of thousands of people each year. The future of the Estate has been in jeopardy for the last two decades as its owners, Derbyshire County Council, claim to be unable to afford its upkeep. This has resulted in a number of inappropriate and publicly unpopular lease projects, such as an hotel and golf courses, which would have removed much of the public open space in the Park.

Now, with the help of the Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust, formed by the Council to deliver its latest plans, the Council proposes to build a new two lane road, on a one metre high embankment, culminating in two massive 700/800 space car parks, across unspoilt fields in the Park (in the green belt) and directly joining onto the Local Nature Reserve.

The Council also proposes to lease the current main car park to a caravan site company, meaning it and possibly the Show Ground too, around 40 acres of the Park, will lose their public access.

The coronavirus lockdown has led to a greatly increased demand on our public parks and open spaces for the use of health and recreation. Sport England has documented the need for planners to take account of the need for such facilities and the current obesity crisis underlines this.

Derbyshire County Council is ignoring all current government advice on the matter, as well as a 10,500 signature community petition against the proposals.

Please help the Friends of Elvaston and other campaign groups reverse the decision by adding your company or organisation's name to our growing list of groups opposed to these plans.

Send your details to; info@friendsofelvaston.co.uk

Thank you.

Graham Mansey, Chairman, The Friends of Elvaston Castle



Society Events

August is traditionally a 'slow' month in terms of local society events, many groups use the month for a shut-down and recommence activities in September. Last year we had an Angel Row Forum meeting where Panya Banjoko looked at the contribution of the British West Indian Regiment (BWIR) to the First World War; the Civic Society held a series of walks; various groups held open days and Bramcote Local History Group held their History Fair. This year there is nothing really to report in terms of local society events and some groups have indicated that they do not intend to restart their meeting programme until January 2021. There are some on-line talks which may be of interest (Leicester Archaeological Services, The National Archives, James Wright) and I have included details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please remember to include me in any updates you send out to your members when normal service is resumed, and I will ensure that events are updated on the NLHA events webpage and included in the newsletter. You can contact me at newsletter@nlha.org.uk



Facebook

The NLHA Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/NottsLocalHistory> and is open to anyone with an interest in local history. Comments, updates, news, events, items of interest, book reviews etc. are all welcome provided that they relate to Nottinghamshire local history (or topics that would be of interest to Nottinghamshire local historians) subject only to the normal standards regarding courtesy and etiquette.

Our Facebook page currently has 1678 followers (an increase of 120 since last month)

Adrian Gray continues to post his virtual tours of historic Nottinghamshire with articles on Cuckney, Carburton, scandals in Newark, and the story of Robert Southey's 1805 trip through Nottinghamshire.



Grants

Even though local society events are effectively shut down there is still the opportunity to conduct individual research and the NLHA grants programme continues to offer support particularly for publishing. For more information see our webpage at nlha.org.uk/grants/



Web Pages

In the absence of society meetings please remember that Nottinghamshire Local History Association's web page nlha.org.uk is still active and contains details of local history society contacts, speakers' contacts, book reviews, news items and much more.



Speakers

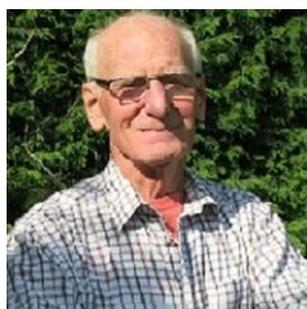


DAVE MOONEY

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Talks include: Folklore and Custom in the East Midlands - The History of Busking and Street Performance - Animal Songs (a look at the history of various traditional animal songs from around the British Isles) - talks involve elements of live music and performance



STEVE WRIGHT

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Talks include: The Rise & Fall of Colwick Locomotive Depot - Looking at Nottinghamshire Churches - Mining Memories - A Tour of Gedling, Carlton and Netherfield - Garden talks - European tours.



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Talks include: Hannibal Barca: Rome's Greatest Adversary - The Napoleonic Wars at Home? - Napoleon's British Obsession: The Invasion of the 'Nation of Shopkeepers' - In the Service of the Emperor: The Life and Experiences of a Napoleonic Soldier.



DANNY WELLS

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Talks include: Art of the Garden - The English and Gardening - Joseph Paxton - Art of the Christmas Card - The Victorians and the Christmas Season

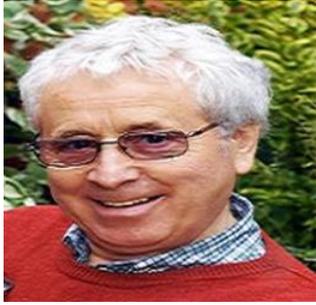
DAVID TEMPLEMAN

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Talks include: Mary Queen of Scots, Lady Arabella Stuart, The Great Sheffield Deer Park

David specialises in the study of Elizabethan history with local connotations.



BRIAN BINNS

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Talks include: The Champion Story: from Stocking Frame to Bicycle Frame - My Entrepreneurial Grandfather: John William Tomlinson - Snippets of Victorian Nottingham as seen through the varied life of the speaker's ancestor, Levi Lee.



BOB MASSEY

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Talks include: Gone but not forgotten: some of the Lost buildings of Nottinghamshire on film and pictures - Goose Fair on Film: part 1 in the square; The story, Historic film and pictures of Nottingham's own fair from its origins - Goose Fair on Film: part 2 on the forest; The story, Historic film and pictures of Nottingham's own fair after its move to the forest - Muriel and Bert: Jessie Chambers, her history as D H Lawrence's first girlfriend, Swinhouse farm and their relationship - Pints and Pubs: The history of beer and beer houses throughout the ages - W H Higginbottom Architect: The unknown designer of many Nottinghamshire's and the countries public as well as private buildings



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Talks include: "No Surrender!" Women's suffrage in Nottinghamshire and talks based on her recent book "Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers".



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Talks include: The archaeology project at Moor Pond Woods, Papplewick – A thread in the web of time'; Evidence for the operation of 18th century cotton mills in the Leen Valley of Nottinghamshire – 'A London Boy at Mr Robinson's mills' ; The workers at a 18th century cotton mill – The history and heritage of Gedling Borough – 'A century of change in Bulwell, 1780-1880' ; The early urbanisation of one of Nottingham's suburbs.



PETER HAMMOND

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Talks include- Middens and Muck - So You think You Know Nottingham (Parts 1,2 and 3- Edward Carver: A Journey into Local and Family History - On the Buses - Potions, Lotions and Cure-alls - Murder, Mystery, and Misfortune - Robert Blincoe: Nottinghamshire's Oliver Twist - Destitution and Despair (Claypole Workhouse) - Well, Well, Well: The story of Nottingham's Caves and Wells - The archaeology of clay tobacco pipes - Mudlarking in the River Thames - Webb of Intrigue: The story of the Webb Family of Newstead Abbey - Albert Ball: Nottingham's First World War Ace Pilot - The Luddites: Nottingham's Response - Can you name the object? - A Load of Codd's Wallop: The history of the Glass Bottle - Belvoir Angels: A Grave Story - Joseph Woolley: The Diary of a Framework Knitter - A Servant's Lot - Portraits of the Past: Nottinghamshire's Victorian Studio Photographers - The Origins of Everyday Sayings - Victorian shopping in Nottingham - William Booth's early years in Nottingham - A historical tour of Whitby - A historical tour of Llandudno.



MICHAEL KIRKBY

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Talks include: The stories of Nottingham regiments during the Napoleonic and Zulu wars.



HELEN BATES

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Talks include: The Wildman family of Newstead Abbey, the links between the Nottinghamshire textile industries and the Derwent Valley Mills, the impact of the 1745 Jacobite Uprising on the East Midlands, Nottinghamshire's Legacies of Slavery, plus many more.



MO COOPER

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Talks include: The Clergyman, The Widow and the Milkman' - An exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords), The History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham, Women's History



RUTH IMESON DA SILVA

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Talks include: Tired of living to kill- An alternative view of the life of WWI flying ace, Captain Albert Ball. - "It is for these haunts of peace that men go into the jaws of hell." This talk focuses on the life, poems and death of Sergeant Will Streets - "Not unhappy". The life of Gertrude Savile of Rufford tells the tale of scandals in a Georgian family.



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Talks include: Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire - Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Nottinghamshire - Oatcakes: Farming and Diet in North Derbyshire - What's up with ewe? A thousand years of English sheep's milk cheese.



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Talks include: English country houses - Not quite what they seem, Victorian Cemeteries - Nottingham Temples of Sanitation, All the World's a Stage - the development of theatre buildings, Dream Palaces - an introduction to cinema architecture



JAMES WRIGHT

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Talks include: Rock of Ages, Medieval Stone Masons, Tattershall Castle, William Shakespeare Henry V and the Manipulation of History, Historic Graffiti, Castles of Nottinghamshire - Ritual Protection Marks at Knowle, Kent.

James Wright presents a live online lecture with follow-up Q&A at 8:00pm on Saturday 15 August by The Folklore Podcast: "This Inn Is Made From Tall Ship Timbers"



STEPHEN FLINDERS

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Talks include - Terror from the Skies - January 1916 the night the Zeppelins came - Catherine Crompton's Diary - The Life and Travels of Robert Bruce Napoleon Walker - A Family History Presentation along the lines of 'Who Do You Think You Are?' - Stanton: Gone but not Forgotten - The History Beneath Our Feet - A Taste of Tudor Ilkeston - Stanton on Film - Stanton at War 1939-1945 - Owd Ilson The Old Curiosity Box: Get yourselves into teams and have fun identifying this collection of objects and curios. Catherine Crompton's Diary: In 1865 Catherine Mee married a member of one of Derbyshire's wealthiest families. From 1867 till 1897 she kept a diary. But was there more to her story than first meets the eye? Hallam Fields: A Community Forged from Iron: The story of a small closely-knit Derbyshire community that existed for little more than a century.



ROBERT MEE

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Talks include - Nottinghamshire Castles - A Derbyshire Railway Outing: A railway tour using a 1920s timetable - Aldercar and Langley Mill - 1000 Years in 60 Minutes - Derbyshire Associations for the Prosecution of Felons, 1703-2014 - Policing in 19th-Century Derbyshire - Bradshaw's, and an Early Railway Tour: the famous railway timetable, and a mystery tour! - Derbyshire's Castles - Vic Hallam - One Man and his Company: from the 1920s to the 1990s - Crime in Langley Mill 1891 to 1930 - Morleston - South East Derbyshire before the Norman Conquest - A History of Smalley: from medieval times to modern open-casting - Wheels of Industry - Langley Mill - History along the Erewash Valley Trail - A Potted History of Heanor: the name says it all really - Heanor Grammar School: Its history from beginning to end! - Mine's a Pint: Public Houses in the Heanor Area.



ADRIAN GRAY

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Talks include: Why did they all come from here? - The Mayflower Pilgrims, Religious Liberty - A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs, Thomas Helwys - The Price of Freedom, The 'Black Prince' of Scunthorpe, The Wrays of Glentworth - Radical Religion, Richard Bernard of Worksop - Puritan radical, Nottinghamshire's Christian Heritage.



CHRIS WEIR

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Talks include - Lace, Slums and The Occasional Riot: The Making of Victorian Nottingham - The Story of Boots: Jesse Boot, Florence and the history of the Boots Company - A Woman's Lot: Women's History in Nottinghamshire, 1550-1950s - The People's War World War 2 in Nottinghamshire - When The Bands Played On!, - Kill or Cure! Bygone Medicine - The Nottinghamshire Heritage - Rambling Into History - Secrets, Mysteries and Curiosities of Nottinghamshire - Mud, Munitions and Memorials: Nottinghamshire and World War One.



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Talks include - The Archaeology of the Tram - We Dig the Castle - Lenton Priory and the archaeology of Nottingham Castle - Excavations and fieldwork at Newark, Southwell, Toton, St Ann's Allotments, Attenborough, Darley Abbey, Chester Green (the site of a Roman fort) and many other sites in the area - Overviews of Nottinghamshire's archaeology - Introductions to the practice of archaeology.

Our speakers include Dr Gareth Davies (Head of Operations at Trent & Peak and Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Nottingham), Laura Binns (Trent & Peak's Community Archaeologist) and Dr David Knight (Head of Research).



SAM MILLARD

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Sam does talks to history groups and is looking to raise awareness of these talks to a wider audience.

There are currently has two subjects: **A History Mystery** and **The Rufford park Poachers** and does a walking tour of Newark.



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Talks include: – A History of the East Midlands Knitting Industry.



Finally

Important Dates for 2020

NLHA Angel Row History Forums: CANCELLED

NLHA Day Schools: Saturday 31st October 2020 at Ravenshead (hopefully)

NLHA AGM: To be held as a virtual AGM with an effective date of 17th August 2020.

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: newsletter@nlha.org.uk

You can still access the news and events on our webpage at: nlha.org.uk

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