



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

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## CBA Festival of Archaeology 2020 24 October-1 November



The Council for British Archaeology's Festival of Archaeology is returning this Autumn with another week of events to get people engaged with and enthused about archaeology. It is hoped that events where attendees are physically present, whether indoors or outdoors, will be able to go ahead as part of the festival however the COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing situation so these events may be subject to change at short notice. Check the Festival event listing regularly for updates.

<https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/find>

## Two more videos for everyone to enjoy from The Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives.



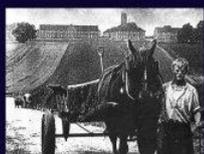
One is about a scandal in Southwell Workhouse and the other describes rioting and insurrection in late medieval Nottingham.

Go to the FONA website <https://fona.org.uk/> and click on the big red YouTube button on the bottom right.

You can also find FONA on Facebook: [Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives – FONA](#)

## Lowdham Grange Borstal! by Jeremy Lodge

Lowdham Grange.  
Borstal!



Jeremy Lodge

Jeremy Lodge has just ordered a second reprint of his book which should be available from The Bookcase in Lowdham, from 10 October, check with The Bookcase at [www.nottinghambooks.co.uk](http://www.nottinghambooks.co.uk)

Late in 2018 the Ministry of Justice found some of the papers that it previously thought had been destroyed and made them available to the author, under restricted conditions. This facilitated the successful completion of an MA dissertation on Lowdham Grange. In 2020 the author was awarded a Thoroton Society grant to enable a further examination of Lowdham Grange Borstal and its people. He would therefore appreciate any further details, memories, stories, documents, photographs or other information that you may have, no matter how small or inconsequential they may seem. Jeremy can be contacted by writing to him at 15 Satterley Close, Witham St Hughs. Lincoln. LN6 9QB or [jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk)

# Representing Disability in Shakespeare's World, Centre for English Local History



*Charity table painting from St Nicholas Church,  
Alcester, Warwickshire.*

On Monday, 9th November 2020, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, there will be a FREE online event exploring social representations and attitudes toward disability in the 17th century and today.

Using insights from history and disability studies, this event will draw from Shakespearean England to explore social representations and attitudes toward disability across historical eras and in the context of military life. It will feature a pre-recorded mini lecture to introduce an online screening of videos, followed up by recorded online discussion.

The videos will include a production by actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), along with two freelance actors with disabilities. A series of video monologues of extracts from Shakespeare's plays which portray people with disabilities caused by war will feature. Alongside this, the actors will recite, dramatize, and perform short petitions that survive from wounded soldiers applying for the first state military pensions during Shakespeare's day and the years immediately afterwards. These will be drawn from the Leicester-led [www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk](http://www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk) project.

The video outputs and recited petitions will be accompanied by filmed commentaries and discussion from experts including an academic from the Shakespeare Institute, early modern historians, disability studies scholars, representatives from arts and military organisations, and the actors themselves. In doing so insights and critical reflection on contemporary representation and attitudes toward disability, as well as equality and social support for those with disability, will be provided.

Book for this event via EVENTBRITE <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/representing-disability-in-shakespeares-world-tickets-121856029665>



## Historical Association Virtual Conference



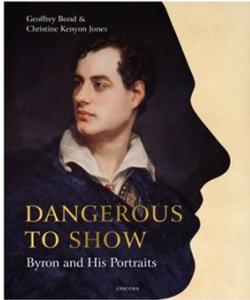
The event will take place from Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 November 2020, with most of the pre-recorded talks available to view in advance from Monday 2 November 2020.

As always there is something for everyone, from the history enthusiast to the professional classroom teacher. You can expect the same great quality of lectures and workshops and many of the aspects you've grown to love from HA conference but delivered in a virtual environment.

You can book via the HA webpage at <https://www.haconference.com/>

# Dangerous to Show: Byron and His Portraits

## Geoffrey Bond and Christine Kenyon Jones



Published October 2020, Hardback, £25

The book will be available from bookshops and on Amazon.

*'Don't look at him. He is dangerous to look at,'* Lady Liddell instructed her daughter on seeing Byron in Rome in 1817. Handsome, charismatic, and allegedly *'mad – bad – and dangerous to know'*, Romantic poet Lord Byron (1788-1824) was the world's first modern celebrity, and this book is the first to explore the importance of the visual aspects of that celebrity and show them in full colour.

Dangerous to Show not only tells Byron's compelling life-story through the paintings and sculptures that were made face-to-face with him, and shows a number of portraits not published before, but also explores the way in which Byron's image was advertised and immortalized through memorabilia ranging from heroic medals to tie-pins, and from satirical cartoons to puzzle-prints.

The book is beautifully designed by Ocky Murray, from the eighth generation of the John Murray family who were Byron's famous publishers.

*'You do not have to be a Byromaniac to enjoy this sparkling survey of his Lordship's wildly shifting iconography through two centuries of celebrity and notoriety. The fantastic transformation of Byron's image, from solemn portraiture to souvenir pottery, from memorabilia to merchandising, from marble to mockery, from miniatures to movies (I could go on) is constantly surprising and instructive. It's also a great deal of fun, a brilliant revelation of poetic fashions and fandom. The authors successfully combine scholarship with mischief and throw fresh light on the enduring provocations of Byron's poetry and personality, not least the astonishing fact that he was not admitted to Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey until 1969.'*

**Richard Holmes**, biographer and critic

**Geoffrey Bond**, a former Chairman of the Byron Society, and an expert on Byroniana, is author of Lord Byron's Best Friends (a study of Byron and his dogs). He lives in the Nottinghamshire manor house that was Byron's home from 1803 to 1808. He has made many contributions to Byron studies and is a well-known figure in the law, broadcasting, business and in the City of London.

**Dr Christine Kenyon Jones** is a writer and lecturer, and a Research Fellow in the Department of English at King's College London. She has published on Byron's politics and his pronunciation; his disability and his dieting; his religious background and his afterlife as a science fiction character. Her previous books include Kindred Brutes and Byron: The Image of the Poet.

## Nottinghamshire History



Adrian Gray and Pilgrims and Prophets are starting to make a few short YouTube films about historic Notts places and the first is now available. There is also a Notts History playlist to which they will add some talks as well. More information at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL1OaPVMlf\\_aae88ROj7adg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL1OaPVMlf_aae88ROj7adg)

# Official Opening of George Martyn's Barn



On Saturday 19th September 2020 in front of an audience of invited guests Cllr. Tamsin Armour, Chairman of Keyworth Parish Council formally opened George Martyn's barn at Keyworth. Originally built in 1651 the Grade II listed building is probably the most historic building in the village after the Parish Church and its new tenants, Conservation Area Advisory Group, fully intend to take the building forward as a heritage facility for the community.

As well as the formal ceremony there were tables and several display boards and banners representing the Conservation Area Advisory Group, Keyworth and District Local History Society and Nottinghamshire Buildings Preservation Trust. Display boards featured "GMB – a History" (the first draft of a proposed publication); images from the Village Archives; the Conservation Area Advisory Group, including a display book of "Commemorative Plaques in Keyworth" and the Blue Plaque which is presently awaiting installation at Archer House, Blind Lane, celebrating the lias wall. A display of the extensive range of KDLHS publications included those produced this year during lockdown by Society members David Charles: "The Natural History of Rushcliffe Country Park" (a companion volume to "The Natural History of Keyworth"), and Margaret Wright, "Two Centuries of Farming and Conservation in Keyworth 1800 – 2020, an Enclosure Map of 1799 (redrawn from the original by Keith Barton) and other features of the Conservation Area and photographs of the interior of George Martyn's Barn were also displayed.

## English Local History Seminars from The Centre for English Local History

At 2:15pm on Thursday 8th October 2020 Matt Bristow (Institute of Historical Research) will give a FREE presentation entitled '**The pre-industrial Lowestoft Fish Office: another red herring?**'. You can access this seminar via Blackboard Collaborate at:

<https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/057af6277cf142d7ae6cf256b38ab05f>

At 2:15pm on Thursday 22nd October 2020 Dr Bill Shannon will give a FREE presentation entitled '**New light on the medieval Gough map of Britain**'. You can access this seminar via Blackboard Collaborate at:

<https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/2c7875dd5c9d47e38534eab3a83116d4>

You can join these sessions from your home computer via Blackboard Collaborate. You do not need to download any special software to join these sessions. Simply click on the link which acts as an entry key into the virtual seminar room. Sessions will open 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the presentation. Please ensure that your video and microphones are off during the presentation. There will be opportunities to ask questions directly afterwards.



English Local History Seminar Series, 2020-2021  
Centre for English Local History, 5 Salisbury Rd, LE1 7QR,  
University of Leicester



## NLHA Events

Along with most, if not all, other local society meetings the NLHA Dayschool planned for 31<sup>st</sup> October has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation, it is planned to produce two Zoom lectures to replace it. More information to follow in due course.

There is no news about the Angel Row History Forums, hopefully when the new library is opened we can put something in place.

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](mailto: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 1793 followers (an increase of 26 since last month)

Adrian Gray's post on The Great North Road reached 6201 people with 1284 engagements.



## 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/](http://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](http://nlha.org.uk) is still active and contains details of local history society contacts, speakers' contacts, book reviews, news items and much more.



# Speakers

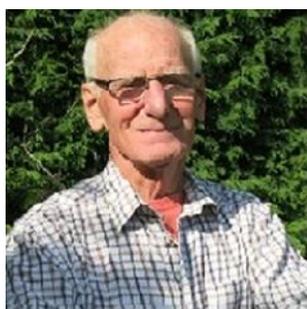


## DAVE MOONEY

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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.



## EDWARD HAMMOND

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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.



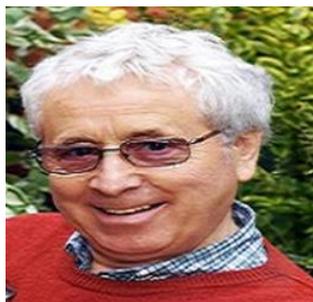
## DANNY WELLS

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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



## 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

## ROWENA EDLIN-WHITE

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



## STEPHEN WALKER

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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.



## MICHAEL KIRKBY

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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.



## 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: Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham, The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords, The history of Sherwood,

Women's history: Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The good, the bad and the reality, What did you do in the war mum?

And based on her walks: Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers, Poverty, Prosperity and Politics, Nuns, Nurses and Notables, Artists, Academics and Activists, Hallelujah in the halls of Hockley.



## 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.



## MARK DAWSON

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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.

## 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



## 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.



## TRENT AND PEAK

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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.



## COLIN MOSS

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# Finally

## Important Dates for 2020

NLHA Angel Row History Forums: CANCELLED  
NLHA Day Schools: Saturday 31st October 2020 at Ravenshead: CANCELLED  
NLHA AGM: Held as a virtual AGM with an effective date of 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:newsletter@nlha.org.uk)

You can still access the news and events on our webpage at: [nlha.org.uk](http://nlha.org.uk)

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