



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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FREE Online Saturday 1 May – Monday 31 May

INSPIRE has been proud to present their annual Local History Fair since 2013, bringing local groups together to celebrate the variety of heritage activity in Nottinghamshire. This year the celebration will be digital, featuring a selection of photographs, videos, talks and presentations from groups and organisations from all over the county. The highlight will be a live, online interview with author, broadcaster, curator and former Nottinghamshire resident Lucy Worsley.

ONLINE INTERVIEW WITH LUCY WORSLEY

11am / Saturday 15 May
£5 Booking essential

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whatson/events/online-interview-lucy-worsley/>



Lucy Worsley grew up in West Bridgford and was possibly history's most assiduous volunteer ever at West Bridgford Library, where she spent all her childhood Saturdays. She went on to study history, researching a PhD thesis about Nottingham Castle and Bolsover Castle in

Derbyshire, before making her career in London working in heritage and history television.

Below is a list of participants in the **Great Nottinghamshire Virtual Local History Fair**. The participants and their pages/content can be found on the INSPIRE web page from 1 May – 31 May:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/great-nottinghamshire-history-fair-2021/>

Throughout the month, INSPIRE will be sharing content from most of these groups on the Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries Facebook page [@NottsLibraries](#)

Please like this page in order to be able to see these posts.

- Arnold Local History Group
- Aurora Wellbeing - Heritage and Health project (Worksop)
- BACKLIT - Nottingham Asylum Project
- Bassetlaw Museum
- Beeston and District Local History Society
- Blidworth & District Historical & Heritage Society
- Bob Massey History
- Canalside Heritage Centre
- Chesterfield Canal Trust
- Chris Rose - Local Historian (Rattlejag Morris)
- Dorothy Harrison Trust - Walks of Life Museum (Tuxford)

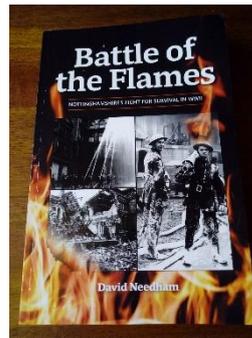
- East Leake & District Local History Society
- Edwinstowe Historical Society
- Farnsfield Local History Society
- Flintham Museum
- Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives
- Friends of Thynghowe
- Ice Age Journeys
- Keyworth Conservation Area Advisory Group (CAAG)
- Kirkby and District Archaeological Group
- Laxton History Group
- Lydia Kirk - Young Local Historian and Junior Reporter for Mansfield 103.2 FM
- Mansfield Fire Museum
- Mansfield Museum
- Mansfield Townscape Heritage
- Mansfield Woodhouse Heritage Link
- Mine2Minds Education
- Miner2 Major
- Museum of the Horse at Tuxford
- National Trust – Mr Straw’s House
- National Trust – Clumber Park
- Nottingham Women's History Group
- Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust
- Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club
- Nottinghamshire Family History Society
- Nottinghamshire Local History Association
- Nottinghamshire Mining Museum
- Nottinghamshire Nursing History Group
- Nottinghamshire YMCA
- Old Mansfield Society
- Old Warsop Society
- Radcliffe-on-Trent World War One Group
- Sam Millard - Local Historian
- Sherwood Forest Trust
- Southwell Minster (The Leaves of Southwell)
- Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall (Nottingham)
- Thoroton Society
- Trent ARCH (Attenborough, Rylands, Clifton Heritage)
- Triskele Heritage / Collingham & District Local History Society
- Warsop Old Hall Project (HLF)
- West Bridgford & District Local History Society



Nottingham Civic Society

Battle of the Flames by David Needham

Bannister Publications £17.99 ISBN 978-1-909813-68-7



May 8 / 9 will see the eightieth anniversary of the Nottingham blitz. Although the city and county came under aerial attack on several other occasions, this was the night when Nottingham saw serious action. And indeed heroic action from the fire

service and other agencies who did so much to help their fellow citizens and the fabric of our city: without their efforts Nottingham today would be a very different place.

A memorial to those killed on fire service work was unveiled by Princess Anne a few years ago in St Mary's churchyard, and commemorations will take place to mark this eightieth anniversary.

This year also sees a second edition of David Newman's book about Nottinghamshire's wartime fire and civil defence services, *Battle of the Flames*.

I commend this book to you.

Best wishes

Hilary

Hilary Silvester

Executive Chair

Nottingham Civic Society

You can read Hilary Silvester's full review of this book, which in its new edition has details of the fire services memorial and a commemoration of the former fire station on Shakespeare Street, on the NLHA website at:

<https://nlha.org.uk/news/battle-of-the-flames-by-david-needham/>



Friends of The Centre
for English Local
History

Thorney, its history and museum



On Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7:00pm on
ZOOM Dot Halfhide will present 'Thorney, its
history and museum'

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/840495495>

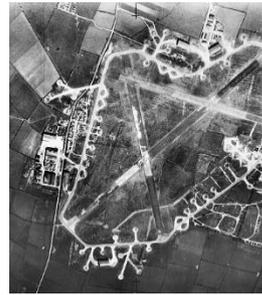
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The speaker for the second FCELH lecture will be Dot Halfhide (a member of the Friends and a former student at the Centre). Her talk entitled 'Thorney, its history and museum' will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th May 2021. It will be held on ZOOM (link above) and the meeting will open at 6.45pm with the lecture starting at 7.00pm. It will last for approximately 30-40 minutes and will be followed by questions. The meeting will close at about 8.00pm. It will be a FREE event.

In 1992, having been a librarian in London, Dot moved to an NHS job in Peterborough and a cottage in a small village east of the city. This turned out to be a fascinating location with a medieval abbey, French settlers and a Victorian model village in its history and a community museum in its present. Dot is now a 'retired layabout', as a great librarian once wrote of his contemporaries, but also Curator of the Museum and Secretary of the local history society.

RAF Langar Sick Quarters c.1942- 1943 by The Field Detectives



The Field Detectives are currently researching the history of RAF Langar airfield. They hope to provide a unique insight into the life of a Second World War airfield, which captures 207 squadron's arrival from

RAF Bottesford in September 1942, through to their departure to RAF Spilsby in October 1943.

Initial investigations had focused on Wednesday 25 November 1942, when five aircraft of 207 Squadron flew out of RAF Langar, each tasked with separate missions. The Field Detectives are attempting to piece together the day from the remaining fragments of written materials, eyewitness accounts and the results of their field surveys. Although the focus became fixed on the crews of those lost Lancasters there was a realisation that every one of those aircraft was part of a much bigger human relationship to the airfield itself and particularly on the Station Sick Quarters which would have had a strong emotional attachment to the crews who flew those aircraft.

Although The Field Detectives have identified the sick quarters' location, nothing is known about the medical staff who worked there. The story of the women who served at RAF Langar as part of 207 Squadron is sadly missing. The story of nursing at Nottinghamshire airfields during WWII is an important story to tell. Can you help?

For more information contact

Richard Pincott

The Field Detectives

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Mob: 07896 225 691



In Their Own Words



On Saturday 22 May 2021 at 11am via ZOOM Karen Winyard presents a look at harnessing the power of storytelling to bring history to life, using contemporary accounts to ‘voice’ the past; and some of the pitfalls of turning fact into fiction.

This talk will be by Zoom. Please email chair@fona.org.uk for a link to this talk.

FONA Book Launch



The Coronavirus pandemic of 2020 will be recorded in many ways. Government and institutional records will chart the statistics, the scientific advances and the social and economic consequences of Coronavirus. The

news media will report the highs and lows, the generous and the selfish, and the comic and tragic stories. What will be less well recorded is the everyday consequences for individuals and families as they learn to adapt to the effect of COVID 19.

This beautifully illustrated book is a compilation of extracts from 13 diaries written during the first lockdown. Arranged in themes, it covers a whole range of new experiences, from what is the best way to shop to the emotional shock of not being able to see or touch loved ones. It also covers subjects such as the environment, local and national heroes and supporting the NHS. It demonstrates the spirit with which people met the new challenges and their determination to make the best of this new way of living.

As it is not possible to hold a ‘live’ book launch some of the diarists have contributed to a short video about the book which will be available on the Great Nottinghamshire History Fair website between 1-31 May.

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/great-nottinghamshire-history-fair-2021/>



AGM

followed by Bob Massey,
People and Places (part 1)

On Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7:00pm via ZOOM

This event is for members only.

For information about membership or Society activities please visit <https://nottsfnhs.org/>

Bramcote History Group

Historic Parks and Gardens of Nottinghamshire.

On Monday May 17th at 7.30pm, Jason Mordan, Senior Conservation Officer for Nottinghamshire County Council, will present “Historic Parks and Gardens of Nottinghamshire”.

If you are not a member of BHG please register your interest from Monday May 3rd by emailing bramcotehistory@outlook.com



Mo Cooper

Mo Cooper is running a small history walks programme this year during May and June. Numbers will be limited to 12 so we can keep social distance.

If you are interested, please book via the website <https://mocooper.weebly.com/upcoming-events.html> using the Eventbrite buttons to book. - £5 a ticket.



NLHA Survey 2021

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey. We received some 100 responses for each question. Generally, it seems that our work and the services that we provide are appreciated by respondents. However, some issues were raised for us to consider and a number of potential areas for improvement/development have been suggested.

Many suggestions were put forward regarding how we could make ourselves more relevant for the Local History Community within and beyond Nottinghamshire, and how we could develop new and potentially exciting services and approaches. Furthermore, thirteen respondents indicated that they would be willing to join or work with the Committee – however only one followed this up by sending their details to the email address provided.

The next steps are that individual Committee Members will look in detail and act upon the parts of the survey that is relevant to their responsibilities (e.g. Nottinghamshire Historian, Day Schools, e-newsletter etc.) and a subgroup will look at the general proposals. We will then develop and implement some of the changes that you have suggested.

If you are interested in being part of our developing services to the Local History Community in Nottinghamshire by either joining or working alongside our Committee, please contact us either through our website <https://nlha.org.uk> or by emailing jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you



Nottingham Castle

The widely anticipated reopening of Nottingham Castle is to take place on June 21, 2021. For more information see <https://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/>

North Notts History

Ian Clarke is an alumnus of the University of Nottingham who has lived in Nottingham since his graduation in the early 80s. After he retired in September 2019 he choose to spend time looking at the system formed by the environment and geography of North Nottinghamshire, and the politics of the crown, state and people of the region using the systems thinking skills he had developed during his career..

During his research he has discovered a number of topics which could be of interest for further investigation but has taken them as far as he can without help. He is now looking for help from anyone interested in discussing any of the following topics to gain further insights which could help share the conclusions he has reached over the past 18 months and prove or disprove his hypotheses.

- The role of the string of Iron Age hill forts running from Burton Joyce through to Edingley Camp
- The Roman advance through North Nottinghamshire including the Farnsfield fortress and associated road
- The emergence of Nottinghamshire as a no-man's land in the immediate post Roman period, similar to the Scottish Borders during the period of the border reivers
- The conflict between Edwin and Æthelfrith and formation of Northumbria
- A potential case for the site of the battle of Brunnanburh in North Nottinghamshire
- The role of the Cistercian monks of Rufford Abbey in the defence of the north south frontier

At some stage in the near future he aims to publish an illustrated text covering the above and many more topics involving the people of Nottinghamshire. of our past

Anyone who is interested can contact Ian at 07743 478077 or ianc140.6@gmail.com



Bob Massey

Bob has posted another video to YouTube on Samuel Broughton from Arnold who fought in the battle of Trafalgar. You will need the following link for access <https://youtu.be/qUc597IXzzg>

Recently Bob was on Notts TV being interviewed about the caves in Arnold. The recording is now also on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/jscfYBARzPA>



NLHA News



New trustee and committee member David Barton has taken on the role of NLHA Secretary vacated by Bob Massey who has become acting

Chairman. David has lived in Nottinghamshire for the last 46 years, half that time in Newark and half in Radcliffe on Trent. Before retirement he worked as International Education Manager at People's College Nottingham. An amateur local historian, he has taught and written on local history and worked on a number of projects. He is currently researching 'The history of the fields of Radcliffe on Trent'.

Church Monuments Society

A Dead Good Job: Gravedigging in Municipal Cemeteries,

On Saturday, 01 May 2021, 17:00 – 18:00 Dr Helen Frisby and Dr Stuart Prior will present a talk as part of the April-May 2021 mini-series of lectures providing an introduction to the Church Monuments Society. Book via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-dead-good-job-gravedigging-in-municipal-cemeteries-registration-144059825817>

Nottingham City Libraries

Most City libraries have re-opened, and it's been fantastic to see you browsing the shelves once again.

Things you can now do:

- Visit the library to browse the shelves and choose your own books
- Bring children in to the library to choose new books (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult)
- Return items borrowed from any Nottingham or Nottinghamshire Library
- Use a library PC and print/scan/copy (it is still advisable to book in advance due to limited PC numbers and time will be limited to allow for cleaning)
- Order your books with the Click and Collect service from all open libraries and place reservations on the online library catalogue

The fines amnesty continues until 1 July so there will be no fines for overdue books. Please do bring back your items as soon as you are able to, so that we can get them back on our shelves!

The top priority is keeping staff and customers safe and we have safety measures in place, including temporary opening hours, wearing face coverings indoors and Track & Trace.

Charnwood Museum

It is hoped that the Museum will re-open on Wednesday May 19, 2021. Museums fall into Stage 3 of the Government's Roadmap out of lockdown and dates are still to be confirmed, but hopefully you will be pleased to know that we are making progress.

Check the NEW website for the latest updates

<https://www.charnwoodmuseum.co.uk/>



Speakers

Last Reviewed in February 2021

A comprehensive listing of presentations along with speaker profiles and contact details is available on our website <https://nlha.org.uk/speakers-and-presentations/>

Please contact the speakers directly for more information

HELEN BATES



Contact details for Helen Bates are

- email: helenlouisebates@aol.co.uk
- mobile: 0785 4466183

Helen offers talks on local textile history, the 1745 Jacobite uprising, and local legacies of slavery

BRIAN BINNS



Contact details for Brian Binns are

- email: bnbinns@gmail.com

Talks on local personalities

MO COOPER



Contact details for Mo Cooper are

- email: mocooper@yahoo.co.uk
- mobile: 07950472022.
- website: <https://mocooper@yahoo.co.uk>

Talks on the history of the local deaf community, Edwardian landlords, women's history, and the history of Sherwood Deaf Community

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

GARETH DAVIES



Contact details for Gareth Davies are

- email: garethdavies@yorkat.co.uk
- telephone: 0115 8967402
- mobile: 07506920395
- website: tparchaeology.co.uk

Talks on local archaeology and excavation

MARK DAWSON



Contact details for Mark Dawson are

- email: mdfoodhistory@gmail.com
- website: www.mdfoodhistory.weebly.com

Talks on food and drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire –

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

ROWENA EDLIN-WHITE



Contact details for Rowena Edlin-White are

- email: ro@edlin-white.net
- telephone: 0115 9873135

Talks on women's suffrage in Nottinghamshire

Rowena does not offer talks on ZOOM

STEPHEN FLINDERS

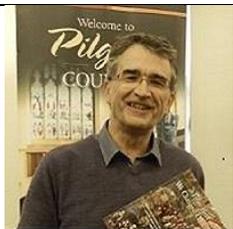


Contact details for Stephen Flinders are

- email: stephenflinders@sky.com
- telephone: 0115 8548373
- mobile: 07547555322

Talks on local, family, social and industrial history

ADRIAN GRAY



Contact details for Adrian Gray are

- email: adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk
- telephone: 07470-366689.

Talks on local Nottinghamshire (and also Lincolnshire) general history including Nottinghamshire's Christian Heritage, historic localities and personalities.

Adrian offers all of his talks online using **ZOOM**, Teams or even Google Meet

EDWARD HAMMOND



Contact details for Edward Hammond are

- email: edwardhammond@live.co.uk
- mobile: 07852957022.

Talks on the Napoleonic and Ancient Roman wars

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

PETER HAMMOND



Contact details for Peter Hammond are-

- email: historyworkshops@aol.com
- telephone: 0115 9145520

Peter offers a wide range of talks on archaeology, local communities and local characters

Most talks are available on **ZOOM**

MIKE HIGGINBOTTOM



Contact details for Mike Higginbottom are

- email: mike@mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk
- telephone: 0114 242-0951
- mobile: 07946650672
- website: http://www.mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk/?page_id=50

Talks on English country houses, Victorian cemeteries, theatre, cinema

Mike does not offer talks on ZOOM

RUTH IMESON DA SILVA



Contact details for Ruth Imeson da Silva are

- email: ruth@letstalkhistory.co.uk
- website: www.letstalkhistory.co.uk

Talks on Albert Ball and other local personalities

MIKE KIRKBY



Contact details for Michael Kirkby are

- email mpkirkby@hotmail.co.uk
- mobile: 07454 015966

Talks on the stories of Nottingham regiments

BOB MASSEY



Contact details for Bob Massey are

- email: bob.m.massey@gmail.com
- telephone: 0115 9263626.
- website: www.bobmassey.info/415325374

Bob offers a comprehensive list of talks on a range of subjects New talks have been added this year. Please see Bob's website for full details.

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

ROBERT MEE



Contact details for Robert Mee are

- email: RobertMMee@btinternet.com
- telephone: 0115 9327495

Robert offers talks on castles, historic locations in Derbyshire, railways

SAM MILLARD



Contact details for Sam Millard are

- email: sammillard123@btinternet.com
- telephone: 01777870518

Talks on Rufford Park, a history mystery, and Sam also offers a walking tour of Newark

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

DAVE MOONEY



Contact details for Dave Mooney are

- email: dave.j.mooney@gmail.com
- mobile: 07961077630.

Talks on folklore and custom in the East Midlands

COLIN MOSS



Contact details for Colin Moss are

- email: cmossle@tiscali.co.uk
- email: info@nottinghamindustrialmuseum.co.uk

Talks on the history of the East Midlands Knitting Industry.

MARTIN STOTT



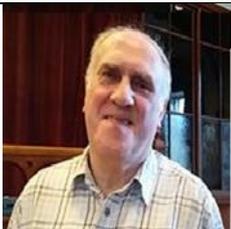
Contact details for Martin Stott are

- email: Martin.stott@bulletin.co.uk
- website: www.storyteller garden.co.uk

Talks on garden history

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

DAVID TEMPLEMAN



Contact details for David Templeman are

- email: templeman3@tiscali.co.uk
- telephone: 01246 415497

Talks on Elizabethan history with local connotations

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

STEPHEN WALKER



Contact details for Stephen Walker are

- email: stephenj_walker@btinternet.com
- telephone: 0115 963 0808

Talks on 18th century cotton mills, Gedling and Bulwell

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

CHRIS WEIR



Contact details for Chris Weir are

- email: heritagetalks@outlook.com
- mobile: 07922496682
- website: www.heritagetalks.homestead.com

Talks on Victorian Nottingham, local personalities

All talks can be presented on **ZOOM**

DANNY WELLS



Contact details for Danny Wells are

- email: danny.wells@history-talks.co.uk
- telephone: 01335 350536
- website: www.history-talks.co.uk

Talks on art, local communities and historical characters

Danny does not offer talks on **ZOOM**

JAMES WRIGHT



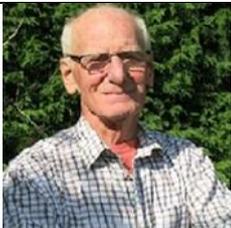
Contact details for James Wright are

- email: jpwarchaeology@hotmail.co.uk
- mobile: 07925840920

Talks on medieval stone masons, castles, historic graffiti, the manipulation of history

All talks are available on **ZOOM**

STEVE WRIGHT



Contact details for Steve Wright are

- email: steve1001@virginmedia.com
- telephone: 0115 9313592

Talks on churches, mining, locomotives, and local communities



Finally

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

We are happy to post news and events to the webpage at any time but if you want them to appear in the newsletter then please send them by the last weekend of the previous month to newsletter@nlha.org.uk

Trustees

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (1169757) registered with the Charity Commission and managed by an Executive Committee of elected trustees:

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Sarah Seaton
Chris Weir
Judith Mills
James Wright
Adrian Gray



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