



## NEWSLETTER

August 2022



Tollerton Hall has been successively added to over many years with Gothic revival additions. It seems to have attracted some trouble in the staff - in 1878 the gardener (who was also the parish clerk) was sent to prison for twenty years for attempting to poison his wife. A few years later the butler was convicted of attempting to rape the 68 year old housekeeper in the middle of the night. It was a house up until 1928, when attempts to sell it at first failed to meet the guide price; then became a sort of 'country club' with a sports club and hotel for 'hunting people'. The opening of this was attended by Sir Harold Bowden and Sir Albert Ball (who seems to have bought it and sold it on to them) who talked about it having an air taxi service but this plan for an American-style luxury activity centre never flourished. From 1930 part at least was in use as the Paton Congregational College, for which some outbuildings were converted into a chapel. It was then inevitably requisitioned for Government use during WW2. American soldiers were housed here, then prisoners of war.

From 1946 to 1986 it belonged to the Roman Catholic diocese of Nottingham and was used as a boys' school.

Items for future newsletters can be sent to the editor, Adrian Gray, at:  
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### **Ethel Webb's Japanese Garden**

An exhibition at Newstead Abbey, Nottinghamshire, until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

(see Newstead Abbey website for details of opening times and admission charges)

The Japanese Garden at Newstead Abbey, Nottinghamshire, which visitors enjoy today was created under the direction of Ethel Webb (reputedly 'one of the best amateur gardeners in England'), between 1899 and 1914. This exhibition is inspired by Ethel's Japanese Garden and celebrates the cross-cultural exchange between Britain and Japan during this period.

It features a series of botanical illustrations loaned from the collections of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, alongside historical material and objects from the collections of Nottingham City Museums, which includes Samurai armour, vases, painted screens, woodcuts, bronzes and even a temple bell! As well as exploring Ethel's garden the Exhibition looks at some of the Japanese plants that have become a permanent feature of British gardens. The illustrations by leading British botanical artists include works by Lillian Snelling (said to be the most important British botanical artist of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century), Stella Ross-Craig, Ann V. Webster and Walter Hood Fitch.

In connection with the Japanese Exhibition, the Midland Region of The Japanese Garden Society is organising a Japanese Garden Day at Newstead Abbey on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The day will include talks about Japanese gardens in the UK in general and the history of the garden at Newstead Abbey in particular. There will also be a guided tour of the Japanese Garden. Further details can be obtained by contacting Philip at [philedjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philedjones@yahoo.co.uk)

### **ARNOLD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP EVENTS**

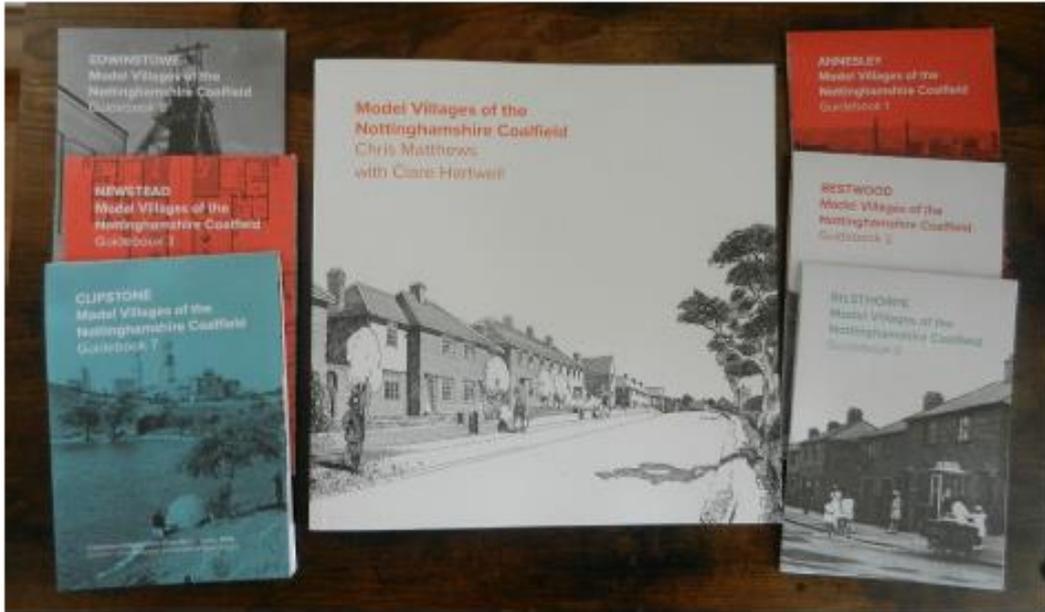
ALHG Quiz Night! 7.00 pm at Robin Hood and Little John PH, 1 Church Street, Arnold. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

'Bulwell - A century of change'. Bulwell, 1750-1880: Industrialisation and urbanisation in the Leen Valley. By Stephen Walker on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Archaeology After Richard III – Ten years of archaeological discoveries in Leicester by Mathew Morris, Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The Arnold Tribunals by Andy McKinnon. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE!



These booklets should be available from your local library. If not, ask!

## HERITAGE OPENDAYS FESTIVAL 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>



Threshing at Shaw's Farm  
[KDLHS Archive]



ASTOUNDING  
INVENTIONS



Kemp Hodgett, the last framework  
knitter in Keyworth  
[KDLHS Archive]

Exploring the impact of the Industrial Revolution on a traditional agricultural community, the development and demise of framework knitting industry in the village

George Martyn's Barn 31 Main Street, Keyworth, Nottinghamshire NG12 5AA

CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY GROUP Linda Abbey (Chair), Keith Barton, Sheila Barton, Daphne Butler, Dave Clarke, Sue McCabe



## 2 History walks around **Arnold Town Centre**

Join Bob Massey for two different local walks to learn about this areas past

*11am meet at Eagles Square*

opposite Poundland

*and*

*2pm meet outside the library*

All Welcome but numbers limited

For more details of the walks contact

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[Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride & Stride](#) is taking place again this September 10th.

Join their sponsored walk and bike ride where you can visit Nottinghamshire's historic churches and help raise much-needed funds for their preservation.

Trustee Graeme Renton shares his experience: "Ride & Stride is a brilliant way to see and explore our heritage and often along lanes or paths away from the main roads. Plan your route, find some friends to accompany you, take your sponsor form, and a packed lunch and off you go. We are so fortunate to have such a wide variety of buildings from Grade 1 listed down to smaller independent chapels tucked away from the main roads. Find beautiful architectural features including gargoyles, tombs, stained glass, paintings, and carvings. Take a photo during your travels and enter our competition.

The Heritage Open Day covering other buildings will coincide with our event and could provide a surprise bonus on your journey. Put the date in your diary and start planning towards this great way to raise funds for our buildings and to enjoy the experience – A Grand Day Out!"

Everyone is welcome to join – you don't have to be a member of a church either. Ride & Stride can be tailored to your needs too. Whether it's a visit to a church on your doorstep or an epic cross-county ride, you decide your route and what churches to visit along the way.

To register, visit <https://nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride/>

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