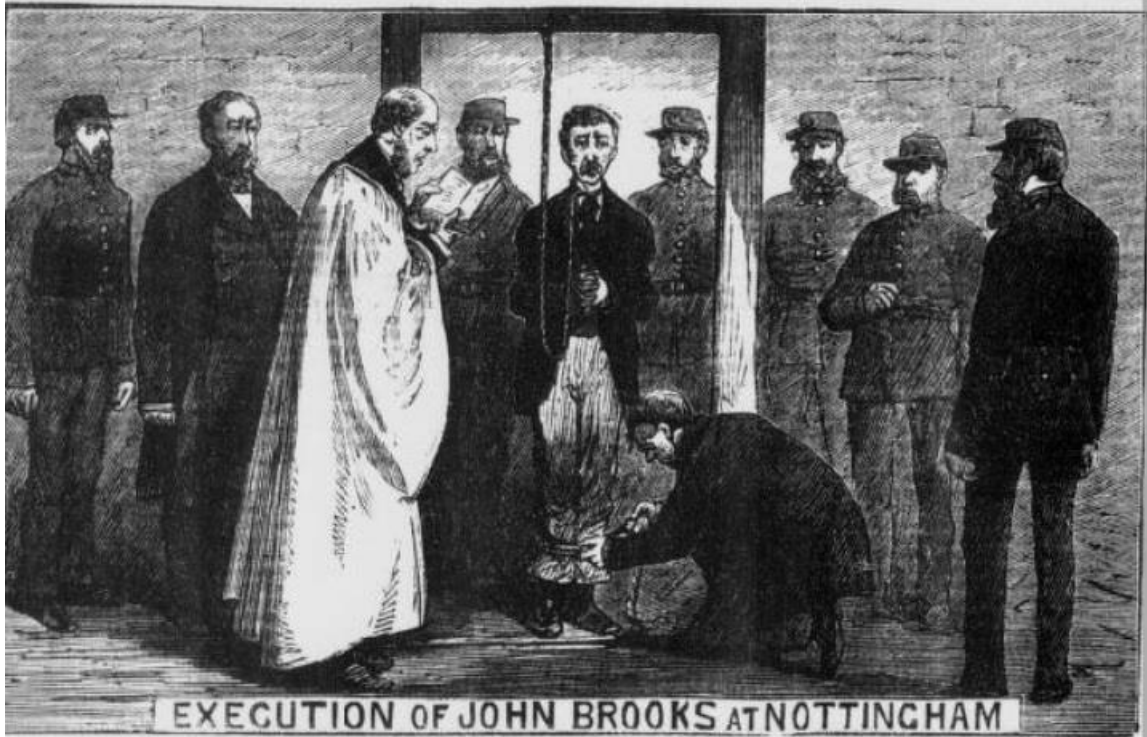




NEWSLETTER

October 2022



The murderer John Brooks was executed in Nottingham in 1878. He had murdered his lover Caroline Woodhead and left her body in a ditch. This was the first hanging at Nottingham after the law was changed which brought an end to public executions, some ten years earlier. East Midlands nonconformists, especially local Baptists, played a significant role in the campaign to stop hangings being held in public. Brooks and Woodhead had both left their spouses to live together; they attempted to find a quieter life in Calais, where their experience in the lace trade came in handy, but had returned to Nottingham.





NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Autumn Forum

Saturday October 29th

10.00am - 4.00pm

Ravenshead Village Hall

11 Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead, NG15 9BP

Programme:

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Welcome

10.15am Plaques to Nottingham's Wonderful Women by Nottingham Women's History Group

11.30am Nottingham: City of Caves by Dr Charlotte May and Dr Anna Walas

12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls

1.30pm The Rutland Roman Villa Project by Peter Liddle

2.45pm Elizabethan Wall Paintings in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Southwell by David Johnson

4.00pm Close

Tickets:

[Nottinghamshire Local History Association Autumn Forum Tickets, Sat 29 Oct 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Venue: Carnarvon Room,
Chestnut Grove

Burton Joyce
NOTTINGHAM
NG14 5DP

Members meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7.30 pm
Visitors are most welcome. Admission is £5.00 per person.

PROGRAMME 2022 - 2023

14 September 2022 : Paul Swift - Woodthorpe Park Centenary

12 October 2022: Steve Wright - Nottingham in the 1930s

9 November 2022 : Matt Beresford - Roman Southwell and Environs

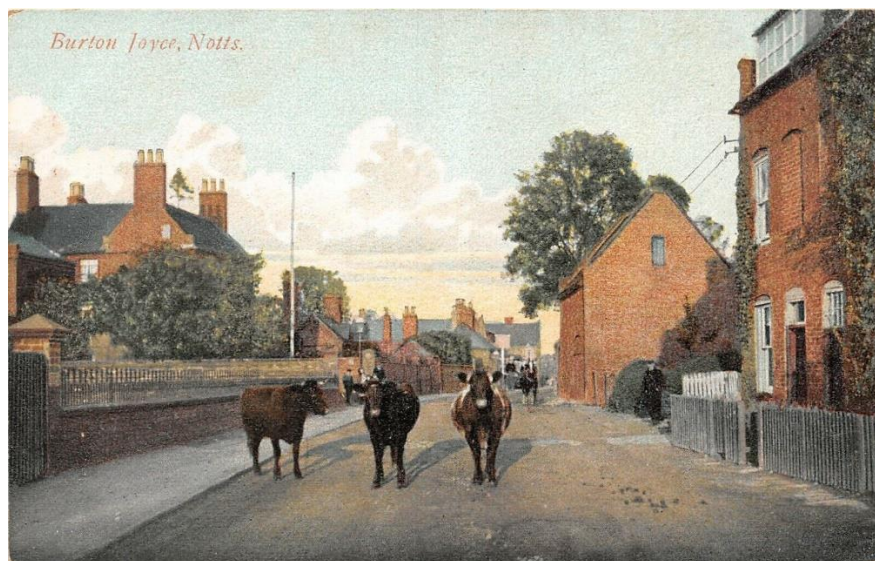
11 January 2023: Pater Lyth - The History of Brackenhurst

8 February 2023 : Andy Smart - Nottingham Theatre History

8 March 2023 : Hayden Reed - The Great Northern Railway in and around Nottingham

12 April 2023: Speaker to be advised - The Bennerley Giant

10 May 2023: Steve Lemottee - Sport on the Forest Recreation Ground since the 17th Century OR
"It's not just cricket".



TALKS PROGRAMME 2022



Black History Month - Black Soldiers in the British Civil Wars

Saturday 8th October, 11am to 12pm

PhD researcher Sophie Merrix is exploring the lives of Black people in Stuart England. In this special talk, she will share the remarkable findings her research has uncovered so far in this fascinating emerging field.

The Torc Talk

Saturday 26th November, 11am to 12pm

Torc experts Tess Machling and Roland Williamson as they share their fascinating research into Iron Age torc technology. The Newark Torc is one of the best examples in England, and this lecture will help us to understand why it is so special and how it was made.

All talks are just £5 and take place in the stunning atmosphere of our Tudor Hall.

More info & book now:

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Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

Please find below details of forthcoming meetings for your information.

MEETING VENUE:

*Beeston Suite,
Highfields Fire Station,
Hassocks Lane, Beeston,
Nottingham. NG9 2GQ*

*Start time: 6.45pm.
(Auction viewing from 6.00pm)*

Contact: marktray60@gmail.com

Monday 12th September 2022

Some Nottingham Works Checks by Alan Cope

Monday 10th October 2022

FAO (Food & Agriculture Organisation) coins by Stewart Riley

Monday 14th November 2022

Jesse Boot and the Boots Company by Chris Weir

Monday 12th December 2022

The Wild West - US Morgan Dollar Varieties by Dr. Gary Redfeather

Monday 9th January 2023

Various Short Talks by Society members

Monday 13th February 2023

The 20th Century seen through Medallions by Simon Wilson

Monday 10th March 2023

Emergency Money by Mark T. Ray

Monday 10th April 2023

Members Society Auction

INSPIRE EVENTS 2022-3

Heritage workshop

ROUTES TO ROOTS: DISCOVERING OLD MAPS

£5 Nottinghamshire Archives – Booking reqd.

2.15pm / Wednesday 12 October

Old maps can provide a wealth of information. Join one of our archivists for this workshop where we will explore different types of maps, including tithe and enclosure records, and how their many uses can help to uncover the past.

Heritage Workshop

HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH NEIL PLEDGER

£5 Mansfield Central Library – Booking reqd.

1pm / Tuesday 18 October

Old photographs give us a fascinating glimpse of people and places in the past. This hands-on workshop with photographer Neil Pledger will inspire you to record the local area as it is now for future generations to see. The 2-hour session will begin at Mansfield Central Library with a look at the Inspire Picture Archive, and Neil's introduction to photo composition techniques, specifically tailored to architectural and heritage photography. Following this, we will take a walk around some of the key features of Mansfield town centre to practice these skills and learn something of the history all around us. Bring your own camera or phone.

EXPLORING ANCESTRY

FREE Booking reqd.

West Bridgford Library

2pm / Tuesday 25 October

Retford Library

10am / Saturday 12 November

Join one of our Librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some of the lesser-known aspects of this valuable Family History research tool. Ancestry.com is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

Heritage Talk

ADRIAN GRAY: EAST COAST MAIN LINE DISASTERS

£3 Mansfield Central Library – Booking reqd.

2pm, Tuesday 15 November

The East Coast Main Line skirts the north of Nottinghamshire on its way from Edinburgh to London. Author and popular speaker Adrian Gray gives examples of how inadequate safety measures on the line led to disaster, including famous accidents at Doncaster and Grantham. These times where things went badly wrong influenced the gradual improvement of safety down the years.

FAMILY HISTORY ONE TO ONE SESSIONS

FREE Online & Phone – Booking reqd.

2pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm/ Tuesday 15 November

5.30pm, 6.15pm, 7pm/ Tuesday 22 November

Are you looking for hints on how to discover more about your family history? Why not sign up for a FREE one-to-one conversation with one of our librarians? A family history surgery for beginners – by phone or video call.

Heritage Talk

CONTROVERSIES IN COAL: INTERNMENT, IMPOUNDMENT AND INTRIGUE AT HARWORTH COLLIERY 1913 – 1924

£3 Worksop Library – Booking reqd.

2pm/ Wednesday 16 November

Harworth Colliery had a chequered history during its eighty-two year working life. The controversy commenced right from its initial development by the Anglo-German firm, the Northern Union Mining Company, in 1913. The migrant sinkers were interned following the outbreak of World War One and the development of the colliery was stopped. Eventually, the Barber-Walker Co. from Eastwood restarted development of Harworth Colliery in 1919 with production starting in 1924. David Amos will share the story of the near German colliery at Harworth, its demise and subsequent redevelopment after World War One.

Heritage Talk

HERE WE ARE AGAIN – A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF PANTOMIME

£3 Beeston Library – Booking reqd.

2pm/Wednesday 23 November

To get us in the mood for the festive season, Dr. Ann Featherstone's talk explores the very earliest performances in the 17th and 18th centuries, the glory days of the 19th century, and modern times - taking in spectacular scenery, celebrities, and pantomime dames on the way.

Exhibition

FROM DONOVANS TO TIGERS: THE STORY OF WORKSOP TOWN FC

FREE Worksop Library

Saturday 26 November – Monday 9 January 2023

An exhibition inspired by the late Lance Hardy. Available during library opening hours.

Heritage Talk and Book Launch

Worksop Town FC : Beloved and Betrayed

£3 Worksop Library – Booking reqd.

Doors open and licensed bar available 7pm/ Thursday 8 December

Talk at 7.30pm

Join us in the library café for an evening of fascinating football and social history! In an illustrated presentation, local authors John Stocks and Dave Pickersgill will share milestones in the history of Worksop Town FC. This includes the FA Cup run of 1923 which culminated in matches against Spurs at White Hart Lane. A new, eagerly anticipated book called “Beloved and Betrayed” explores this remarkable chapter in the club’s history. Started by the late Lance Hardy in 2020 after years of research, and completed recently by John Stocks, with help and support from friends, the book will be on sale at the event.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARCHIVES

£5 Nottinghamshire Archives – Booking reqd.

2.30pm / Tuesday 6 December

Join Nottinghamshire Archives for a Review of the Year where will highlight some of the new additions to our collections. Learn the stories behind recently discovered documents and get up close to history.

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

All talks are on a Wednesday evening starting at 7-30pm in the main hall of Grange Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. Tickets are available from Pen2Paper, Main Road, RoT or on the door, price £3. Doors open at 7-00pm.

5 Oct 'Prototypes, Poets and Paupers; the workhouse at Southwell', by Dr Charlotte May

2 Nov 'Sir Thomas Stanhope of Shelford defends his weir, 1593' by Beryl Cobbing.

14 Dec 'Secret Passages and Hidden Tunnels of Nottinghamshire', by James Wright.

2023

4 Jan 'Castles of Nottinghamshire', by James Mee.

1 Feb 'Hidden Histories of Nottinghamshire Gardens', by Martin Stott.

1 Mar 'Radcliffe: a thousand years of growth', by Dave Barton.

5 Apr 'The life of Gertrude Savile of Rufford: scandals in a Georgian family', by Ruth Imeson

3 May 'Emma Wilmot, the forgotten artist of the Victorian Dukeries', by Dr Richard Gaunt.

7 Jun 'George Parr, Radcliffe's international cricketer', by Marion Caunt.

Exhibition: CHINESE BRITAIN

FREE Nottinghamshire Archives

Friday 18 November – Saturday 7 January 2023

Chinese communities have been calling the UK home for much longer than many realise. Tracing their heritage back to regions in East and South-East Asia, they've established a rich and diverse culture across the UK.

In a new free display, which takes its lead from the British Library's exhibition (18 November 2022 to 23 April 2023), we reflect on this long history through photographs, manuscripts and interviews with those who have lived through it. Join us to celebrate the history and lasting legacy of this vibrant community, and to understand what it really means to be Chinese and British.

Events at Coddington Local History Society

20th October 2022: An introduction to Medieval Building Myths by James Wright

24th November 2022: Christmas Tales by Bob Massey

All events take place in Coddington Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Members free, visitors £2 including tea and biscuits.

Nottingham Historical and Archaeological Society

We are opening the Basement at 35 ST MARYS GATE to the public on
Saturday 22nd of October and
Saturday 29th October

To view some of the finds from the Caves and Wells of Nottingham

We are open from 11am to 3pm

Admission charge is £2.50 for ADULTS

CHILDREN are free

Also could you please mention that we can give illustrated talks on the caves to groups

By contacting P Dewberry 07757970220 or email pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com

Arnold Local History Group

Contact: 0115 9200626, email address: alhgroupo@gmail.com

Meetings are held at: Arnold Methodist Church, 54 Front Street, Arnold, (for sat nav please follow NG5 7GP).

On the **18th October** at the ALHG **Mathew Morris** Field Director Leicester University is speaking on "Archaeology After Richard 111" Ten Years of archaeological discoveries in Leicester.

Entrance is by ticket Members £1 Non-Members £3 for this event

15th November: the Arnold Tribunals.

Also, in **October on the 27th** there is a talk by Bob Massey at **the Abdication pub** on Mansfield Rd Daybrook at 7pm **Footpads and Highwaymen** of Mansfield Road. The space is limited in this pub so you will need to book at cheers@theabdication.co.uk

Bob Massey is at the Robin Hood and Little John again on **the 31st October** with a talk on **Hallowe'en** and local stories again at 7pm.

NLHA LIST OF SPEAKERS

We are re-starting this list and it will ONLY include talks about Nottinghamshire or directly related history. If you are a speaker, please send your list of talks to newsletter@nlha.org.uk.

David Speed (speeddavid06@gmail.com): Offers six illustrated Powerpoint history talks: Beauvale Priory where two worlds meet; The Kings and Sherwood Forest; Robin Hood and His Times; The Pentrich Revolt; Henry Sampson, Betrayal in Bulwell; Tangled Web: Nottingham Children's Nineteenth Century Education.

Mo Cooper is a community historian and a founder member of Nottingham Women's History Group. She delivers a variety of talks and walks. You can contact her at mocooper@yahoo.co.uk or Tel 07950 472022.

<https://mocooper.weebly.com>

- The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords Talk
- Edwardian housing Narrowmarsh
- Gedling House – Georgian mansion to Buddhist Centre Talk (or tour from 2023)
- The good, the bad and the reality, A gallop through the women who have contributed to Nottingham's' history
- Nottingham, women's history
- Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham
- Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The long, long road to equality Talk Suffrage Nottingham Suffragette
- What did you do in the war mum? An exploration of how the women of Nottingham supported the war effort.
- WW2, women's history, Nottingham
- Walks (and talks)
- Beer, bleaching and burials in Basford

- Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers – lace workers, grand ladies and the women that were transported for their 'crimes'.

Robert Mee can present a number of illustrated talks for your group. Presentations currently available include:

- Inn Signs and Local History: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names - what they can tell the local historian
- Nottinghamshire Castles: 11 definite castle sites, and a few more besides!
- Nottingham Classified: a look at 18th and 19th century advertisements in the local newspapers. (from May 2023)

All presentations are fully illustrated. They normally last from 50 to 90 minutes, but can be adjusted to suit your needs. Robert is often available at short-notice, if, for example, a speaker cancels. Fees are £60, plus expenses if over 40 miles (return from West Hallam) involved. Contact: email - RobertMMee@btinternet.com; telephone - 0115 9327495/07757 134353

Tom Andrews: tom_andrews@hotmail.co.uk

- Modern policing of Nottingham, primarily the policing of Nottingham between 1930 – 1959 and Chief Constable Capt. Athelstan Popkess who invented police radios and mobile police vehicle patrols among other things, and Victorian policing of Nottinghamshire.

STAA at St Anns Heritage Gardens provide speakers on this Grade 2* listed site. Talks delivered by Mo Cooper.

- St Anns Allotments, Nottingham's unique heritage gardens
- Stories from the Hungerhills

ADRIAN GRAY can be contacted at adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk or 07470 366689. His talks are all fully illustrated and include:

Why did they all come from here? Why the Mayflower Pilgrims and the linked group who formed the first Baptists originated in the region of North Notts and West Lincs.

Religious Liberty: A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs Ideas about religious liberty now enshrined in the UN declaration of Human Rights can be traced back through the US 'First Amendment' to the thinking and writing of men who came from Nottinghamshire.

Thomas Helwys: The Price of Freedom Helwys, a Nottingham man, financed the move of the 'Pilgrims' to Holland and there became a Baptist. He risked his own life by returning to England and founding the Baptist denomination, where he wrote the first text in English that argued for religious liberty for all faiths – for which he was imprisoned.

The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest This is an unconventional approach to telling the story of Sherwood and the Dukeries. Rather than following it chronologically, we examine the tale through ten scandals – money, sex and political – that define what happened to Sherwood and the great houses that were built there.

Workshop, Witches and a Place in American History: the Life of Richard Bernard Richard Bernard was born in Tudor Epworth and became a great figure amongst the puritans and separatists under

James I based mainly at Gainsborough and Worksop. Later he became a great writer, influenced John Bunyan and his daughter helped found a state in America. Today he is best-known for his authoritative guide on witches, based on his experience in Worksop!

Rebels and Radicals: the turbulent early Quakers from Notts The Quakers were the most radical religious group of their day, challenging law and order wherever they went. They began in Mansfield with George Fox, their first meeting place was probably in Skegby, and their first 'martyr' was James Parnell of Retford. They travelled the world, courting controversy wherever they went and often they went to prison and suffered beatings.

Historical Highlights from Bassetlaw The Bassetlaw region of North Notts is little known, yet it is an area with an amazing history full of battles, bravery, scandal and...some beautiful places. This is a personal selection of the most interesting places in the area and what they can tell us about its history.

Historical Highlights from Newark and Sherwood This is a personal selection of the most interesting historical sites in Newark and Sherwood District – lost medieval fragments, forgotten villages, vanished castles, the forgotten world of the medieval fishpond and much more! Lots of pictures and ideas for doing some exploring of your own.

The Capricious Trent – the Battle between People and the River Trent The course of the lower River Trent from Farndon and Averham to Gainsborough and beyond has seen some remarkable events in English history as people have struggled to keep it under control. This talk introduces you to the lost channels, great floods and little village ferries that illustrate the course of this most intriguing of England's rivers.

Myths and Legends of the 'Mayflower' Story The 'Mayflower' story is one that has 'grown in the telling' with many false claims and even monuments in the wrong place. This entertaining talks examines some of the 'red herrings' of the story including some shameless profiteering and examples of deliberate distortion of the truth.