



NEWSLETTER

December 2022



Probably the most famous Nottinghamshire poaching incident was that at Rufford, but the fatal wounding of a gamekeeper at Drift Hill, Clifton, on 6th June 1893 also attracted much attention. Two men out shooting hares were challenged by a keeper and a game watcher. An argument began, the poacher Marples threatened to shoot the keeper's dog, but in a close tussle it was the part-time game watcher Samuel Dakin who was killed. The poachers then ran away but Burton the gamekeeper shot him in the legs and he was arrested.

Marples was taken into custody and another man, Pinder, also arrested. That both might be charged with murder led to suggestions that Burton should be tried for intent to maim.

The case against Marples soon unravelled. His defence argument was that he had been protecting himself from a savage dog and the Judge ruled that the case amounted to manslaughter at the worst. The Judge also 'strongly condemned' the practice of gamekeepers going out with pistols and revolvers

as well as flails. The Judge took exception to the dog which he considered was ‘deliberately chosen for its savage nature.’ He followed this up by commenting that the Police were explicitly not allowed to go out with firearms – so why should gamekeepers? It took the jury fourteen minutes to reach a ‘Not Guilty’ verdict.



History Project on Sherwood Estate:

<https://sherwood-estate-history.weebly.com/>

This interesting website has been set up as part of a project to commemorate 100 years of the Sherwood Council Estate. You will find much of value – including the story of an opera singer who lived on the estate.



CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY GROUP

“Keyworth Festivities Day 2” Saturday 3rd December 2022



“Feasting the Senses” Experience the scents, sights and sounds of the festive season by candlelight, in our C17th (Grade II Listed) threshing barn

Seasonal greetings cards and recycled Christmas cards available on the Bookstall

Requested to be open again 10am - 1pm following Keyworth Christmas Trail

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

Please do not attend our event if you or a member of your household feel unwell. Use the sanitising gel provided and please complete our Visitor’s Book on entry



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

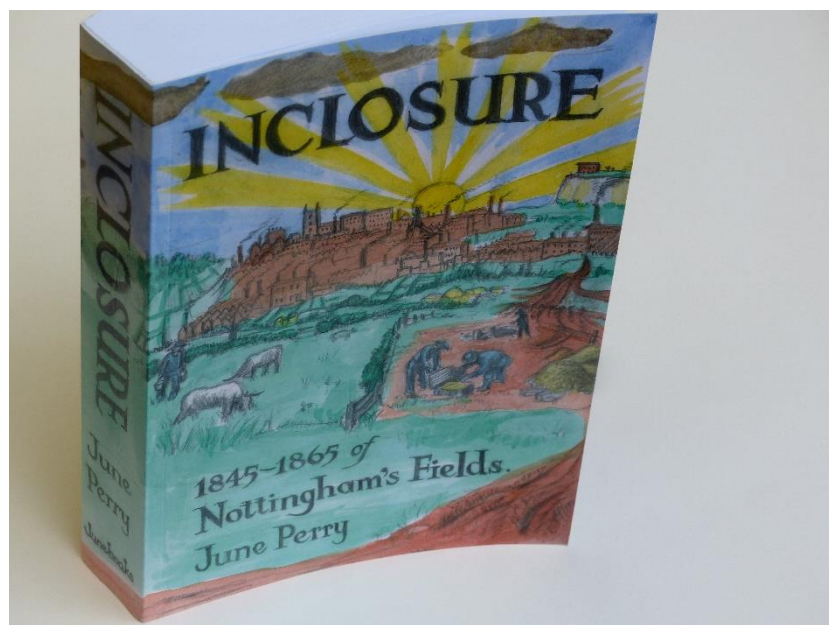
11 January 2023: Pater Lyth - The History of Brackenhurst

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".



This is an account of the long and complicated execution of the 1845 Nottingham Inclosure Act as recorded in the numerous thick Minute Books in Nottingham's Archives. By trying to deal with everything at once the Act

had built-in faults that made it impossible to implement. The three Commissioners pointed this out early on and tried to have it changed but the corporation would not agree. The commissioners would continue but would take no responsibility for time and money lost as a result.

Needless to say they were blamed for delays and debts incurred but those reading this book will sympathise with their patience and dedication to doing their best for the growing town

There is a wealth of detail here, letters, tenders for work, contracts and work-plans, accounts by those using the fields, appeals for help, sales of land, claims for losses, barristers engaged and giving their opinions. Much that was contradictory and had to be decided.

Available at FIVE LEAVES BOOKSHOP, £15 paperback, £20 hardback.
14a, Long Row, Nottingham, NG1 2DH bookshop@fiveleaves.co.uk



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & DERBYSHIRE LABOUR HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting is 2pm March 4th in the International Community Centre on Mansfield Road, Nottingham, when Dr Katrina Navickas will speak on "Fighting for Spaces: from Enclosure onwards."

Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

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 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

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.

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.

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).

Thoroton Society news

Forthcoming lecture

We look forward to seeing members and guests at the third of our winter programme of lectures and presentations:

Saturday 10th December 2022

Neville Hoskins Lecture: 'Sir Louis Pearson (1863-1943): industrialist, philanthropist and landowner'

Professor John Beckett, Emeritus Professor of English Regional History,
University of Nottingham

Lowering of the Car Colston church bells

You may remember that the Thoroton Society held a successful 125th anniversary event in July at St Mary's church, Car Colston. Members are now invited back to view the historic church bells which are being lowered over 28th November-Thursday 1 December. Here is a message from the Project Team:

St Mary's Car Colston Bells Restoration

You may be aware that St Mary's has been working on a project to restore our bells for some months.

In addition improvements are planned for the Tower Room, the Thoroton Tomb and the west end of the Nave.

We are delighted to be able to confirm that on Monday 28th November the lowering of the bells will commence, and on **Thursday 1 December there will be viewing in the afternoon from 3.00pm, and the raising of a toast to the St Mary's Bells at 6.00pm.**

We hope you can join us. A glass of fizz and light refreshments will be available.

There is no charge, but to help us with catering please can you reserve your place(s) by emailing Nigel Crockford, Parochial Church Council Secretary: nigel.crockford@btinternet.com

Kind regards from the St Mary's Bells, Tower Room and Thoroton Project Team. Download the [Jubilee Bells Appeal leaflet](#) for more information on the project.

BBC Rewind film archive

The [BBC Rewind archive](#) contains tens of thousands of individual clips from the BBC's news and current affairs output from across the UK, including both regional and national programmes, from the late 1940s to 2021.

A quick search for Nottinghamshire-related material uncovered a short film by an 'energetic young film maker' called Ray Gosling. His name might be familiar!

Filmed in 1964 he reflects on his new home city of Nottingham. Gosling cuts a fine figure in his sharp suit as he wanders around the city streets. Although his historical statements are a bit questionable at times the view of Nottingham in 1964 is fascinating. A busy evening at Yates' Wine Lodge is a particular delight and it hadn't changed much by the time I first visited it in the late 1970s. One of the most unusual features of this former Gin Palace was the glass booth built into the long bar that accommodated the elderly lady who managed the cash register. Gosling's film is available here: <https://bbcrewind.co.uk/asset/60548f4ee4cca7001fdb010f>

Other short films cover aspects of the mining industry in Nottinghamshire, the Laxton open fields, Plough Sunday celebrated in Newark (1954), high speed footage of the rail journey between Derby and Lincoln from 1991, the re-opening of Sutton-in-Ashfield station in 1954, royal visits, sporting events and much more besides.

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.

Worksop, 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 talk examines some of the ‘red herrings’ of the story including some shameless profiteering and examples of deliberate distortion of the truth.

Rebellious Women of Nottinghamshire: this talk compares two generations of Nottinghamshire women who fought against ‘the system’. The first generational example is of the puritan women who supported their husbands to take on the Monarchy and to then survive amidst the wilds of New England. The comparison is made with radical, working-class preaching women in Nottingham in the early 1800s – who featured at one of the best known public executions and then inspired the novelist George Eliot, until they were put back into their place by repressive men!

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