



Nottinghamshire Local History Association



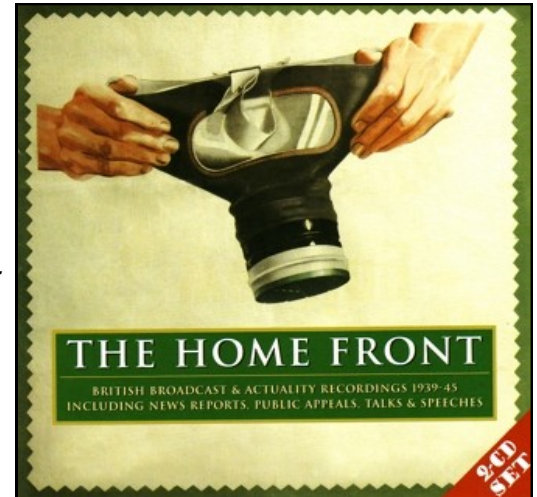
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October Day School - The Home Front

Full information for the 25th October 2014 joint NLHA/Thoroton Day-School **The Home Front** is now on the NLHA website and can be accessed by clicking on the picture of the factory girls on the 'Welcome' page or via the events calendar entry for 25th October. Any changes will be added to the web page do please visit it periodically prior to the event. The fees are £7.00 for NLHA/Thoroton members and £8.00 for non members there is no discount for advanced bookings. Please see www.nlha.org.uk for up to date information.



First Nottingham Local History and Archaeology Day

NLHA's Chairman John Parker spoke to an audience of 60 people on Saturday 21 July 2014 at the First Nottingham Local History and Archaeology Day held at The Djanogly Recital Hall of the University of Nottingham. 34 local history and archaeology societies along with museums, regional archaeological units and heritage groups took part with displays and exhibitions of their work. Moreover, there were two large galleries full of archaeological material so people could handle everything from Palaeolithic hand axes to Saxon pottery and learn how to identify Roman coins. There was also the opportunity to have artefacts identified and with the Historic Environment Record and Portable Antiquities database present people could find out about archaeological work near where they live. John's presentation was a social and cultural background on the topic of memorials and graveyards starting with pre-Christian traditions and Roman burial practices, moving through the English Reformation and Civil War and ending with the Victorian experiences which resulted in the 1852 Burials Act which is still the legal basis for 'proper' burial in England. Nottinghamshire Local History Association also had an exhibition stand featuring grave-stones; Robert Howard (and new display banners) promoted heritage bus tours.

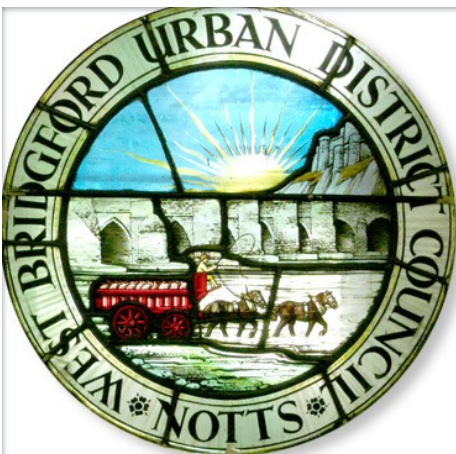


DIGITAL SHOWCASE FOR LOCAL HISTORY



From left to right John Parker (NLHA), Tim Warner and Nick Tomlinson

On 16th July the NLHA attended a meeting at West Bridgford library hosted by Tim Warner (Local Studies Librarian - Libraries, Archives Information and Learning - Children, Families and Cultural Services - Nottinghamshire County Council) . A number of local societies were represented. The objective was to demonstrate the digital resources that were available from the libraries and archives services. Tim Warner covered Our Nottinghamshire www.ournottinghamshire.org.uk , Nick Tomlinson demonstrated Picture the Past www.picturethepast.org.uk , Peter Lester talked about Nottinghamshire Archives Worldwide Catalogue. The focus throughout was on sites that could be searched for information, sources, references, contacts etc. The County also has access to some (normally subscription) sites which are freely accessible to library users within the library system but not from home – Ancestry, British Newspaper Archive.



West Bridgford & District Local History Society

Have a new website and Facebook Page see further information at www.bridgfordhistory.org

Medieval Martinmas Fair 15 November



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— [LOTOYA
PETERSON](#)

In the Middle Ages Lenton Priory's Martinmas fair was world famous and people travelled from across Europe to attend it. Now it's been totally forgotten. Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum (a charity) is reviving it as part of a HLF bid for a community archaeology project sparked by the medieval Lenton Priory remains uncovered during the recent tramworks. If successful, they hope that it can become an annual event. They have been able to obtain financial support from Nottingham City Museums and Galleries, who are also providing a Robin Hood and Marian plus a pair of stocks and potentially also lending costumes for volunteer characters/actors. The D&LPF have a sheriff, who will be hunting down Robin Hood, and the

city council will be helping with promoting the event.

There will be all kinds of Medieval merriment, plus stalls and entertain-

ment. They are looking for people who could volunteer on the day as

- event stewards to help with the general running of the event
- strolling costumed characters (your choice - be someone famous or a bog standard medieval person, and build up atmosphere by interacting in character with visitors)
- a town crier to announce events/stir up enthusiasm
- a fool or jester!

Travel expenses will be paid (the event is at Gregory Street, which has its own tram stop), and you can do as much or as little as you want - even an hour or so would really help. The event planners will ensure that you have time to enjoy the event yourself. They also need people to help in making basic costumes for the stewards and for a class of teeny tiny people from Dunkirk Primary who are getting involved (these will be very basic tabards or similar, worn over their own clothes). They can provide patterns, material and workspace if wanted. Other than the costume making these roles require little commitment other than on the day itself. There's a short meeting at 6pm on 9 September for people who are interested and want to find out more. This is being held at the Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum, Church Square, Lenton, NG7 1SL (opposite the Crocus Cafe, behind the Lenton high rise flats and the Savoy Cinema).

Just turn up!

However, if you can't attend this we're very happy to pass on the information by email or phone (manager@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk / 0115 9588590).



The Big Poppy Knit **BBC** RADIONOTTINGHAM

The Big Poppy Knit with BBC Radio Nottingham. During the 100th anniversary of World War 1, BBC Radio Nottingham wants you to get knitting or crocheting poppies – 11000 poppies to mark each of the 11000 fallen men from Nottinghamshire during the Great War.

Whether you knit one or one hundred poppies, you will be commemorating those who lost their lives in the WW1.

Look at www.facebook.com/BBCRadioNottingham for patterns and further details. You can also find lots of free poppy patterns online.

The poppies will be donated to the Poppy Appeal and the deadline is 22nd October 2014. You can post or take your poppies to BBC Radio Nottingham, London Road, Nottingham NG2 4UU or ring 0115 9550500.



Wind Up Mining Heritage Bus Tour

The Wind Up Mining Heritage Bus Tour is taking place on Sunday 21st Sept 2014 as part of the 2014 DH Lawrence Festival. The event is free and leaves the DH Lawrence Heritage Centre in Eastwood at 10am with return expected around 5pm. The theme for the tour is some of the preserved winding engines and headstocks in the Nottinghamshire region, places being visited include Brinsley Headstocks, Pleasley Pit site, the preserved former Linby Colliery steam winding engine at Papplewick Pumping Station and the preserved Bestwood Winding Engine House. Contact David Amos on (01159) 762422 or (07914) 373745.

Retford Heritage Day 'Prophets, Martyrs and Pilgrims – the Christian heritage of our region.'

A chance to discover fascinating stories from 1600 years of spiritual history in which Retford and the surrounding area changed the World we live in. Find out about:

The death of King Edwin and the mysterious search for his body

How a family from Sturton and Worksop brought Catherine Howard to the executioner's block, but ended up burnt at the stake

Tales of the Puritans and the Pilgrims

Controversy over the Mansfield 'exorcist'

The first Quaker martyr – a young man from Retford!

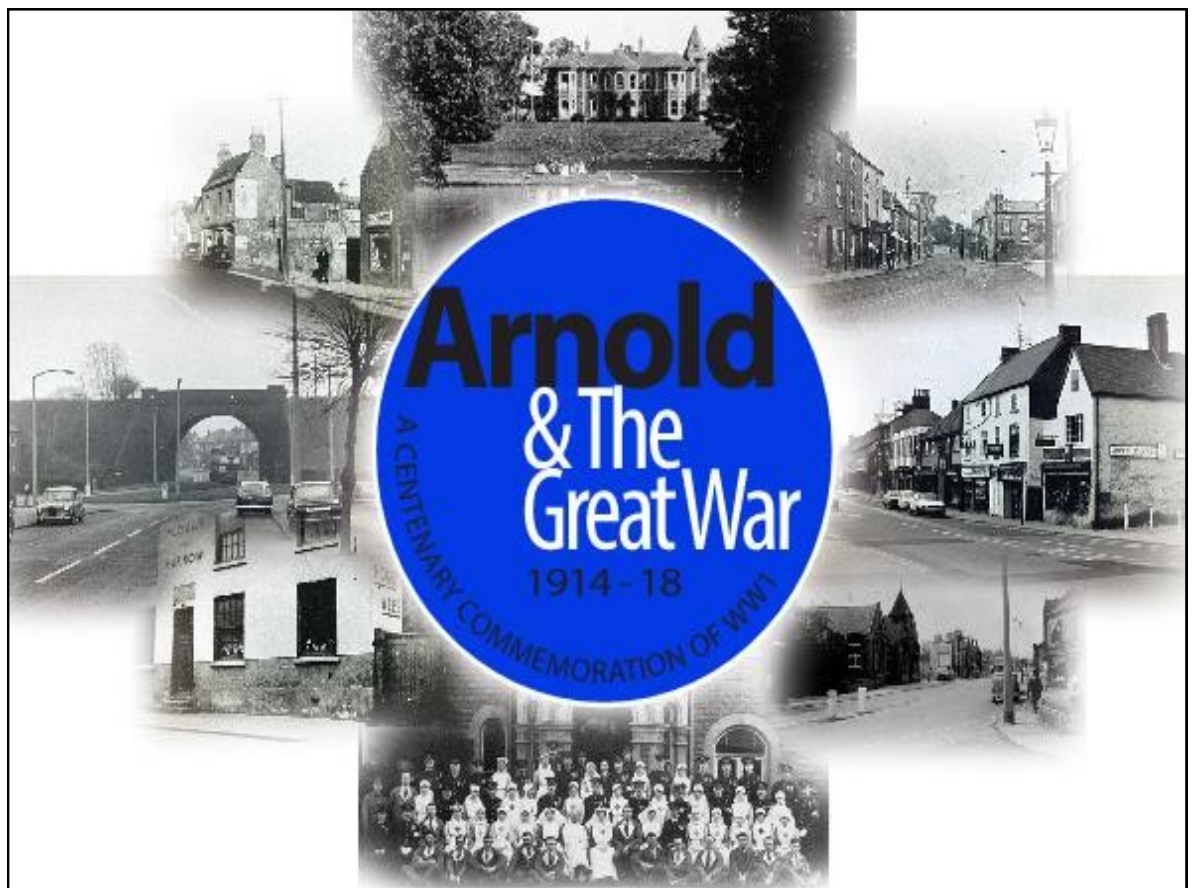
Illustrated talk by local author, Adrian Gray

The Well Community Centre, Hospital Road, Retford, Notts. **Saturday 13th September, 7pm Admission Free.**



11 – 14th September is Open Heritage Day, check out the website to see what is on in your area www.heritageopendays.org.uk

“WAR IS PEACE.
FREEDOM IS
SLAVERY.
IGNORANCE IS
STRENGTH.”
— [GEORGE
ORWELL, 1984](#)



To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Great War,
The Arnold Local History Group present an Exhibition:

‘Arnold & The Great War’

Aspects of Arnold & its people during The Great War.

4th - 25th Oct, 2014

also

‘Arnold Heritage Weekend’

You are invited to a series of talks around WWI themes, from a local perspective. Browse displays and take part in discussions with invited speakers.

18th - 19th Oct, 2014*

*Refreshments will be available.

at: Arnold Library, Front Street, Arnold Nottingham

For more information call 0115 920 2247 or visit www.arnold-history-group.org

The Industrial Revolution Academic Conference

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th October

An Academic Conference with the UK's leading experts on the Industrial Revolution hosted at Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

Friday Evening Reception: £15 per head.

Saturday Conference: including all speakers, seminars, lunch, refreshments and tours £30 per head.

Concessions: students, OAP's, Arkwright Society and ERIH Members £20 per head.

The Arkwright Society, Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills, Mill Lane,
Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3RQ

Tel: 01629 823256 Fax: 01629 824297 Email: info@arkwrightsociety.org.uk

www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk

Castle Ceremony Marks Great War Centenary

On Monday 4th August 2014 NLHA Chairman John Parker represented Nottinghamshire local history and heritage at a ceremony held at Nottingham Castle to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.

The ceremony began at 11am when the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and Lord Mayor arrived to join invited guests at Nottingham Castle Museum & Art Gallery. In a mark of respect at 12 noon the Union flag was ceremoniously raised and then lowered to half-mast followed by a minute's silence. There was then a series of short speeches and readings by the Lord Mayor, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Pauline Allan (Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council) and John Cotterill (Lead Volunteer for Nottinghamshire's Trent to Trenches programme)

After the speeches, there was an opportunity for guests to visit the Trent to Trenches Exhibition, which opened on 26th July and runs until 16th November. The Exhibition explores the experiences of Nottinghamshire people, at home and in the trenches of Northern France, through powerful visual images and artefacts, many on loan from local people.

Nottinghamshire County Council chairman Pauline Allan said: "I am proud to represent the County Council on such a momentous day in British history. Nottinghamshire lost more than 13,000 men and women in the Great War and they are very much in our thoughts today. It is important that we commemorate such significant dates so that today's generation never forget that we have our freedom because of the sacrifices of so many."

Councillor Ian Malcolm, Lord Mayor of Nottingham said: "As a city and county we need to remember the great sacrifice that was made by Nottinghamshire people, both on the front line and also at home during the conflict. The conflict brought about huge social changes which have had a lasting impact on our local communities."

Archaeology Open Day

Mercian Archaeological Services would like to invite you to their OPEN DAY for an Archaeological Excavation at King John's Palace, Kings Clipstone in Nottinghamshire on Saturday 6th September between 11:00 and 16:00. They are currently excavating at the palace as part of their field training school, and have undertaken a large open area excavation.

Tours of the site discussing the designed medieval landscape of the palace, Tours of the standing ruins, Finds and Pottery handling, Results from the latest geophysical surveys, Display boards for the Sherwood Forest Archaeology Project and from Mercian Archaeological Services. Stalls hosted by local heritage groups including Friends of Thynghowe and the Spa Ponds Nature Reserve.

Also learn about the latest results and research from this cutting edge project researching the heart of Sherwood Forest, find out about the latest news from Mercian's Edwinstowe Project (the largest volunteer dig in Sherwood Forest ever!), and all the other upcoming fieldwork and opportunities coming soon! Please see their webpage <http://www.mercian-as.co.uk/fieldschool.html> for a map if you need one.

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— G.K. CHESTERTON

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society **THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: REYNOLDS NEWS, AND THE NOTTINGHAM LABOUR MOVEMENT 1936-1939**

Introduction by Ian Hewitt, grandson of James Feeny, International Brigader from Nottingham.

□ Dave McCall, (writing as David Ebsworth) author of 'The Assassin's Mark', a novel based on Franco's Battlefield Tours, in which the lead character is Jack Telford, a reporter for 'Reynolds News', the Co-operative Sunday newspaper.

□ Chris Richardson, on the untold story of how 'Reynolds' reported the Civil War and how the labour and co-operative movements in Nottingham responded to the call for solidarity with the Spanish workers

Saturday 13th September 2014 2-4pm.

(doors open at 1.30 pm)

at The Nottingham Mechanics Institute

3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ

The talk will follow on from the Annual General Meeting of the Notts & Derbys Labour History Society which will commence at 1.00 pm. (Doors open at 12.30pm)

Also browse Northern Herald's second-hand book stall
NDLHS, 22 Boythorpe Avenue, Chesterfield, S40 2QE. 01246 270628.
hilary.cave@btinternet.com

www.ndlhs.com

STAA HARVEST CELEBRATION

at St Anns Allotment

Saturday 6th September

Produce displays

Craft sessions

Guided tours

Drumming workshop

Stalls & Community Information

Burying of our time capsule

Refreshments by Beccy's Global Kitchen

Morris Dancing Workshop & Performance

St Anns Allotments Visitor Centre, 121 Ransom Road, St Anns,
Nottingham, NG3 3LH

Tel 0115 958 9255

info@staa-allotments.org.uk

www.staa-allotments.org.uk



Robin Hood Express

Following the fantastic success of the inaugural voyage of the *Robin Hood Express* Mercian are proud to announce two further dates for the Sherwood Forest Bus Tour! Friday 26th of September 2014 & Friday 31st October 2014. Join their team of expert archaeologists and historians aboard their 1967 classic RouteMaster London Bus as you travel through time on a "Magical History Tour" Please visit <http://www.sherwoodbustours.com/> to book your place(s)... The tour stops for an hour at Rufford Abbey to allow for a visit around the site and for refreshments stops at the various cafes at the site, and to visit the shop and exhibitions. The tour also stops for an hour at the Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve to allow visitors time to explore and also to purchase lunch or eat at the visitors centre, and to visit the shop and exhibitions. The afternoon visits are for half an hour at King John's Palace with a tour of the site provided by Andy Gaunt of Mercian. The visit to Newstead includes a historical talk by Peter Hammond (bus driver, nationally renowned archaeological specialist and historian!) The tour departs from Wellington Circus in Nottingham at 9:30am and returns by 17:30 depending on traffic. All of the above costs just **£17.50 per person!!** Amazing value for a day out in the Forest! If you would like to book one of the limited places for either of these tours then please book soon as they sell quickly!



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Help to Save Teversal's

Heritage A message from Rosi Jarvis from the defunct Notts Historic Gardens Trust

Last year, as a member of the now defunct Notts Historic Gardens Trust, I wrote in protest to Ashfield Council at the planning application put in to build various structures in the historic and ancient gardens at Teversal (Doomsday site, Victorian pleasure gardens created by Lord Carnavon, roman bath in the fields nearby...). Many others throughout the county, upset at the thought of losing even more of this valuable site, also protested, and the planning application was turned down. Now it has been appealed, and although, I gather, the local authorities agree that it would not be appropriate to build on the ancient and unrecorded site, they feel it necessary to hold a public meeting so that the planners can be convinced that the decision to turn down the application was the right one. I am trying everyone and everywhere I know to get help in attending this meeting and speaking out to convince the planners that there are those of us out here who value this site and feel that it must not be further destroyed without proper archaeological investigation and recording. If you can think of anyone, please do get in touch. My contact numbers are 01949 81991(one fewer than most) or 07757813280. The meeting will be held at 10am on 10 Sept at Kirkby in Ashfield Council offices. If you or any of your contacts can assist with this one please contact Rosi direct.

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Bingham Heritage Trails Association

Bingham Heritage Trails association now has its own Facebook page see:

<https://www.facebook.com/binghamheritage>.