



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

## Working together: what we do best

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### Bromley House Library



Bromley House library may not be Britain's oldest surviving private subscription library, that honour probably belongs to Manchester's Portico library established in 1802, but 200 years is certainly a long time and deserves to be celebrated.

On the 2nd April 1816 at a general meeting at Thurland Hall, the home of Dr John Storer (the first physician at the General Hospital and the Library's first President) the library started and has operated continuously since then, first in Carlton Street and from 1822 in Bromley House.

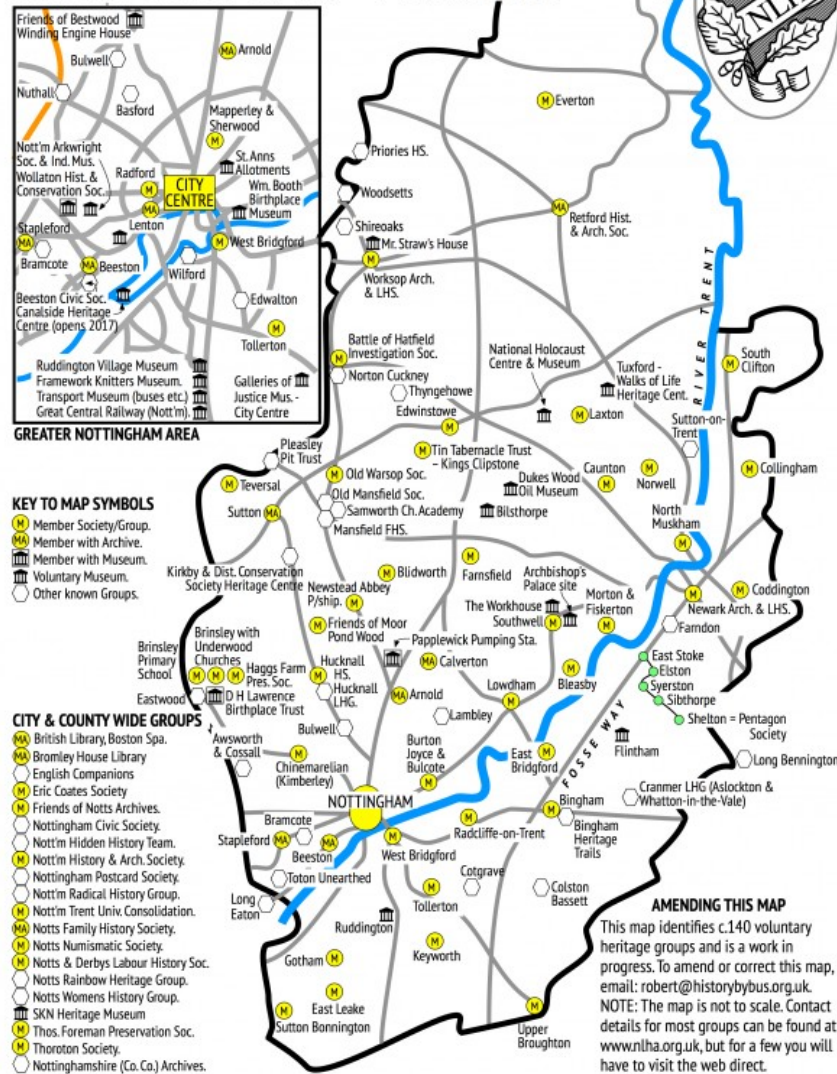
2016 will be a year of celebration. There will be a very ambitious programme of talks, events and gallery exhibitions throughout the year so that as many people as possible can join in the celebrations. Copies of the Bromley House Anniversary programme are available at the library or the Nottingham Tourist Information Centre or we can pop one into the post just call on 0115 9473134 or email [enquiries@bromleyhouse.org](mailto:enquiries@bromleyhouse.org).

For those who just want to visit the library there are 2 guided tours every Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30pm and 4.00pm. The tours are free but booking is essential.



Celebrating  
*200 years*

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION KNOWN GROUPS MAP ~ March 2016



## Nottinghamshire Local History

Robert Howard has begun an ambitious project to locate and map all of the local history societies, associations and groups in Nottinghamshire regardless of whether or not they are NLHA members.

If anyone has information about such groups, particularly in the north of the county please get in touch at [chairman@nlha.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk)

[Read more.](#)



## My entrepreneurial grandfather, West Bridgford & District LHS

Presented by Brian Binns on Friday 01 April 2016 at West Bridgford Lutterell Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)



## Nottingham in 1816, Bromley House Library

Presented by Professor John Beckett on Saturday 2nd April 2016 between 10.30am – 12.00pm. Doors open at 10.15am. John will look at the intellectual climate of the Enlightenment, coupled with the growth of a distinctive 'middle class' in the course of the Industrial Revolution in Nottingham.

[Read more.](#)



## The Pentrich Revolt 1817: Bravery and Deception, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire LHS

A talk by Julian Atkinson on Saturday 02 April 2016 at The Nottingham Mechanics Institute commencing at 2:00pm (doors open at 1:30) Julian Atkinson says, "The workers of Pentrich stood up against an oppressive Government to gain democracy and better times. This is their story."

[Read more.](#)

## The 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire LHS

On Sunday 03 April 2016 at Glossop Labour Club commencing at 2:00pm Red Film Club presents three films to mark the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising. Entrance by Donation 2:00pm. Introductory speaker Robin Stocks ...

[Read more.](#)

## House Detectives, East Bridgford LHG

A history of smaller buildings in Nottinghamshire presented by Adrian Henstock on 5th April 2016 at East Bridgford Methodist Church commencing at 7:30pm. This talk describes historical documents and architectural clues which can be pieced together to trace the history of ordinary farmhouses, cottages, mills, pubs, town houses, etc. ...

[Read more.](#)

## AGM, Nuthall and District HS

AGM on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at St Patrick's Church Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Plus cheese and wine, and Nuthall slide show

[Read more.](#)



## Writers in their place, Bromley House Library

At Bromley House on Wednesday April 6th 2016 2pm – 3pm. Doors open at 1:45pm. The Library is hosting a touring exhibition of photographs by Peter Burton and Harland Walshaw exploring the homes of past novelists, poets and playwrights. The images were originally produced for the book 'Writers and their Houses'. This talk by Harland will provide some background ...

[Read more.](#)

# A Terrible Beauty is Born: The Easter Rising 1916, WEA Nottingham

This commemorative 100th anniversary talk by Brian Stone at Nottingham Mechanics on Tuesday 12th April 2016 commencing at 10.30a.m. will place the Rising in the context of Irish history, examine the factors that led to it, follow its course and analyse the results with the assistance of eyewitness accounts, poetry and contemporary documentary film

[Read more.](#)



## Rejuvenate: Anti-ageing in the twentieth century, University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections

Presented by Dr James Stark from the Leeds Humanities Research Institute on 12 April 2016, 1 – 2pm at the Djanogly Theatre, Nottingham Lakeside Arts, University Park Campus, Nottingham, NG7 2RD. The talk is presented in conjunction with an exhibition entitled 'Inspiring Beauty: No7 ~ 80 years of making up the modern woman' which is a partnership between the University and Boots ...

[Read more.](#)



## Members' Night, Numismatic Society

Members night will take place on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at Beeston Library commencing at 6:00pm.

[Read more.](#)

## AGM, Stapleford and District LHS

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at St Helen's Church Hall commencing at 7:00pm. All Welcome.

[Read more.](#)

## Muriel and Burt, Burton Joyce & Bulcote LHS

Jessie Chambers, D H Lawrence's girlfriend at Swinehouse Farm. Presented by Bob Massey on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at Burton Joyce Carnarvon Room commencing at 7:30pm. Admission for non-members is £2.00.

[Read more.](#)

# The Duchess of Curiosities, Retford and District H & A S

Presented by Lily Ann Dawes at Retford Chapelgate Hall on Wednesday 13th April 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)

## Catherine Compton's Diary, Lenton LHS

Presented by Stephen Flinders on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at Dunkirk Community centre commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)

## Nottinghamshire and the Great Peace, Farnsfield LHS

On Wednesday 13th April 2016 at the Lower Hall of Farnsfield Village Centre commencing at 7:30pm Richard Gaunt will present some reflections on the end of the Napoleonic Wars 1814-1815. [Read more.](#)



## Local History Book Sale, Arnold Library

Come along to Arnold Library's Local History Book sale on Thursday 14 April between 9.00 am to 7.00 pm. Please note that some new publications plus surplus copies of duplicated older stock will be on sale – the full range of Local Studies titles will continue to be available in the library collection. Part of Family History Day. For more information telephone: 0115 920 2247 email: [arnold.library@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:arnold.library@nottsc.gov.uk) [Read more.](#)



## FREE WORKSHOP: Oral History and Notts Miners of African- Caribbean Heritage

FREE WORKSHOP: Oral History & Notts Miners of African-Caribbean Heritage DATE: Friday 15th April 2016 TIME: 11am -1pm. Refreshments provided. VENUE: Renewal Trust building, 27-31 Carlton Road, Nottingham NG3 2DG (20 PLACES ONLY) Booking is ESSENTIAL as places are limited please email [norma@nottinghamnewscentre.com](mailto:norma@nottinghamnewscentre.com) or phone 07984 825482 / 0115 871 3819

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# William and Mary Hewitt: A Literary Marriage, Friends of Nottingham Museums

Presented by Rowena Edlin-White on Saturday 16th April 2016 at Nottingham Castle Studio 1 commencing at 2:00pm.

[Read more.](#)



## Sherwood Forest: Its Archaeology and History, Arnold LHG

Presented by Andy Gaunt on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at Arnold Labour Club commencing at 7:00pm. Andy Gaunt is a Director of Mercian Archaeological Services CIC and has been a community archaeologist in Nottinghamshire for many years; supervising and managing archaeological fieldwork, as well as undertaking research, training, lecturing and public engagement.

[Read more.](#)



## The Sherwood Foresters on the Somme, East Leake & District LHS

Presented by Brain Stone on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at East Leake St Mary,s Church Hall commencing at 7:30pm..

[Read more.](#)

## Women in their lives: 4th and 5th Dukes of Newcastle, Edwinstowe HS

Presented by Dr Richard Gaunt on Wednesday April 20th 2016 at St Mary's Church Rooms Edwinstowe commencing at 7:30pm [Read more.](#)



## Smashing the Frames: The Story of the Luddites in Nottingham, Beeston & District LHS

Presented by Bob Massey on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at Chilwell Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

[Read more.](#)

# Mary Tudor, Bromley House Library

Presented by Dr. Catherine Fletcher (Swansea University) on Wednesday 20th April 2016 between 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Doors open at 3.15pm Another in our popular talks we host for the Nottingham Branch of the Historical Association. The talk is free. Booking essential via 0115 9473134, enquiries@bromleyhouse.org or by calling into the library. ...

[Read more.](#)



## Women Pilots of WW2, Bingham & District LHS

Presented by John Whitfield on 21st April 2016 at The Old Courthouse commencing at 7:15pm.

[Read more.](#)

## Papplewick Pumping Station, Woodborough LHG

A talk on the background and history of Papplewick Pumping Station on Thursday 21st April 2016 at The Institute Woodborough commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)

## Railways in the Hope Valley, Coddington HG

Presented by Stephen Gay on Thursday 21st April 2016 at Coddington Village Hall commencing at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome. Members FREE. Non-members £2 - includes refreshments.

[Read more.](#)



## Midlands Viking Symposium, University of Nottingham

The Universities of Nottingham, Birmingham and Leicester are proud to announce the Twelfth Midlands Viking Symposium which will take place on Saturday 23 April 2016 between 10:00am and 5:00 pm in Highfield House on the University Park Campus of the University of Nottingham.,

The event is designed to bring together academics and non-academics interested in Viking Studies working in the Midlands.

[Read more.](#)



## The Suffragettes in Nottingham, Lambley HS

Presented by Rowena Edlin-White on Monday 25th April 2016 at Lowdham WI Hall commencing at 7:30pm. "Votes for Women!" Nottinghamshire suffragists and suffragettes were involved in the National campaign from at least the 1870s - these are some of their stories

[Read more.](#)



*Pentagon  
Local  
History  
Society*

## AGM, Pentagon LHS

AGM on Wednesday 27th April at Elston Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm to be followed by 'The Battle of Stoke' and 'The Preservation of National Battlefields' presented by Glyn Hughes and Kevin Winter. Members £1.50, non-members £2.00.

[Read more.](#)

## Clumber Park Walled Garden, Wollaton H&CS

Presented by Head Gardener Chris Margrave on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at St Leonards Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm.

[Read more.](#)



**SOUTHWELL AND DISTRICT  
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

## Old Houses in Southwell, Southwell and District LHS

Presented by Chris King on 27th April 2016 at The Old Court House, The Burgage, Southwell commencing at 7:30pm.

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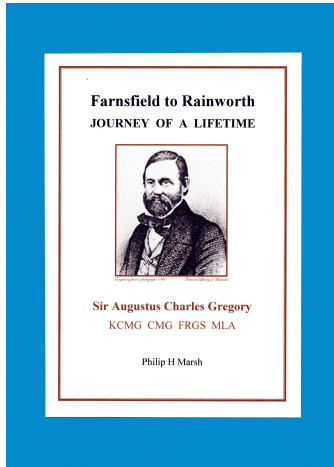


**THE THOROTON SOCIETY  
OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

## Spring Meeting and AGM, The Thoroton Society

The Spring Meeting and AGM will take place on Saturday 30th April 2016 at North Muskham Village Hall commencing at 1:45pm.

[Read more.](#)



## Farnsfield to Rainworth: The Journey of a Lifetime.

The life and times of local boy turned explorer by Philip Marsh

Augustus C. Gregory was the most distinguished of three exploring brothers. Born in Farnsfield, he was the second son of a retired army officer and joined the Western Australia Survey Department in 1841.

In 1846, with his brothers Francis and Henry, he explored the area to the north of Perth, discovered and named Lake Moore and found coal in the River Irwin. Two years later, while examining the pastoral potential of the country inland from Shark Bay, he discovered lead in the Murchison River.

On his expedition of 1855-6 through Queensland and Northern Territory, he discovered and named Sturt's Creek which he traced for 300 miles.

In March 1858, he led an expedition to search for Ludwig Leichardt's party which had disappeared without trace in 1848. The party set out from Euroomba Station on the Dawson Ranges. After travelling for four weeks he found the letter 'L' cut into a tree and thus encouraged, he followed the Barcoo River to its junction with the Thomson River, and then proceeded along Cooper's and Stzelecki Creeks as far as Lake Blanche. He arrived in Adelaide without finding the missing expedition.

The information recorded by Gregory on this journey was, however, of great value. Gregory demonstrated that many rivers drained into Lake Eyre and thus solved the puzzle of Australia's inland drainage. It also revived South Australia's interest in the country north of Lake Torrens.

Gregory became Surveyor-General of the newly established state of Queensland in 1859, serving in several official positions until his death in Brisbane in 1905. He was knighted in 1903 for his contribution to Australian exploration

## Robin Hood's Village Volunteer Dig 2016



Mercian Archaeological Services CIC are pleased to invite you to the Robin Hood's Village Volunteer Dig 2016, a FREE Community Archaeology Project in Edwinstowe, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire. The project has been funded by a mixture of generous public donations: [www.gofundme.com/sherwoodforest](http://www.gofundme.com/sherwoodforest) (contributions to the dig are gratefully received!!) and through Mercian's own contribution of time and resources. The dates are Tuesday 12th July - Saturday 16th July 2016

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# SKN Heritage Museum

is a museum without walls dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the Caribbean contribution to life in Nottingham and the UK. Our exhibitions and events celebrate the lives and experiences of ordinary people, in a way that all people can recognise and embrace.

Caribbeans have helped shape our shared British culture, heritage and achievements and our aim is to bring those stories to life for everyone.

We want to train local residents to work together as individuals or as groups to find and record the Caribbean presence, contribution, influence and impact on the area. This may be since the Windrush arrival and cover the contribution to hospital and other NHS establishments, transport as bus drivers, Railway workers, taxi drivers and as driving school instructors, churches (as a black led church or as black members of local churches), leisure activities as members of cricket, dominoes and football clubs, as businesses Caribbean takeaways/restaurants and corner shops etc. The list is endless. The contribution worthy of note.

Participants can then present their finding for all to see, enjoy and learn from as a CD, DVD, Exhibition or through giving a series of talks. Here too the possibilities are endless. The work produced invaluable.

We are inviting you to free training sessions at -

- Arnold Library, 161 Front Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7EE on 16th and 23rd March
- Bulwell Riverside Centre, Main Street, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 8QJ on 4th and 11th April
- South glade Park Library, Southglade Road, Bestwood, Nottingham, NG5 5GU on 6th and 13th April
- Carlton Library, Manor Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 3AY on 14th and 21st March
- St Ann's Valley Centre, 2 Livingstone Road, St Ann's, Nottingham, NG3 3GG on 25th March and 1st April
- Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AE dates to be confirmed
- Radford-Linton Library, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2BY on 8th and 15th April
- Hyson Green Library, The Mary Potter Centre, 76 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 5HY on 18th and 25th April
- Clifton Library, Southchurch Drive, Clifton, Nottingham, NG11 8AB on 20th and 27th April
- Sneinton Library, Sneinton Boulevard, Nottingham, NG2 4FD dates to be confirmed
- Mapperley Library, 454 Westdale Lane, Mapperley, Nottingham, NG3 6DG dates to be confirmed
- West Bridgford Library and Young People's Centre, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AT on 11th and 18th May
- Stapleford Library, Church Street, Stapleford, Nottingham, NG9 8GA on 13th and 20th May
- Newark Library, Beaumond Gardens, Baldertongate, Newark, NG24 1UW on 23rd and 30th May
- Gedling Library, Wollaton Avenue, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 4HX on 25th May and 1st June
- Eastwood Library, Wellington Place, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3GB on 6th and 13th June

We'd love to see you there for all or part of the training session.

If you would like to be a part of this Project and be a Heritage Detective" then please call 0746 918 9550 or email us on [sknheritagemuseum@outlook.com](mailto:sknheritagemuseum@outlook.com).

Kind regards

Catherine Ross

Director - SKN Heritage Museum



## Sherwood Forest on Your Doorstep: people, places, hidden histories along the ancient perambulation route

Nottingham CIC, LandLiesFallow has received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Young Roots, to deliver a project called Sherwood Forest on Your Doorstep : people, places, hidden histories along the ancient perambulation route. The walk will be led by Beeston arts worker, Dave Wood, who ran a similar project in 2011 funded through the Arts Council/National Lottery.

The first three stages of the walk will take place late March - April (dates to be confirmed)

Victoria Embankment > Bobbers Mill (launched at the Hook Nature Reserve, Lady Bay) on Sunday 20th March at 11am.

Bobbers Mill (along the River Leen) > Bulwell 17th April 2016 tbc

Bulwell > Bestwood (including the Winding Wheel) 24th April 2016 tbc

Later stages will run throughout the year.

[Read more.](#)

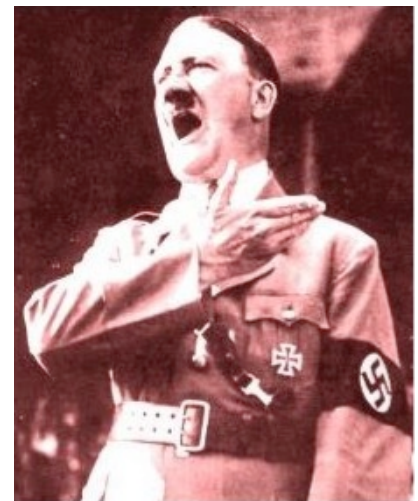
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## Fascism During The Inter War Years

Kimberley WEA will be running a local modern history course entitled Fascism During the Inter War Years which will act as an introduction to Fascism in a historical context. The course will show how Fascism developed and spread across Europe during the Inter War Period.

The course will be held at Rumbletums Cafe, 2a Victoria Street, Kimberley, NG16 2NH on Tuesdays from 19th April to 31 May 2016 commencing at 3.00pm until 5.00pm. The fee is £53.90, free to those on benefits.

[Read more.](#)



## Railways in the Nottinghamshire Coalfield

David Amos is running a short railway history course, Railways in the Nottinghamshire Coalfield, at Eastwood and Sutton-in-Ashfield Libraries, on Tuesdays, starting on 5th April 2016 and running for 7 weeks through to 17th May 2016. Sessions will take place at Eastwood Library in the mornings (10am – 12 Noon) and are repeated in the afternoon at Sutton-in-Ashfield Library (1.30pm – 3.30pm). ...

[Read more.](#)

# 400th Anniversary of the Death of Richard Clyfton

Richard Clyfton, the Separatist minister of Babworth who then led the Scrooby group on their migration to Holland, died 400 years ago this May. This is an anniversary of some significance in Nottinghamshire. The local heritage group Pilgrims & Prophets will be organising a commemorative excursion on May 14th. This will include 'pick ups' in Worksop and Retford, and then visits to places associated with Clyfton including the fascinating country churches at Marnham, Babworth and Scrooby. There will be a Congregationalist minister 'on board' to maintain 400 years of tradition, as Clyfton effectively founded this denomination.

You can book a place by emailing Adrian Gray ([adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk](mailto:adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk)) who will provide final details and costs.

[Read more.](#)

## New Book on North Nottinghamshire's Unique Christian Heritage

As part of the work to attract tourists to our area and also to make local people more aware of their local heritage, Adrian Gray has published a new book in partnership with Bookworm of Retford. The book explains how people from North Notts (here including Mansfield, Worksop, Retford and surrounding villages) together with those from West Lincolnshire have played a hugely significant role in the development of Christianity worldwide, especially between 1500 and the present day.

The book gives a short historical summary of the story, and then provides a guide as to what happened in many specific places across our region. Fully illustrated, it covers everything from Protestant martyrs to Quakers and some significant missionaries from the last 200 years.

Available from usual bookshops, online retailers or direct from Bookworm in Retford.

[Read more.](#)



## Reward for Winter

A book of poetry by Di Slaney tells the story of her challenging yet enviable life change: the earthy triumphs and tribulations of a novice smallholder; the history of Bilsthorpe from Viking settlement through Civil War to coal mining in the 1920s; and the quirky and affecting biography of one of the farm chickens.

Available from Five Leaves Bookshop



## Free to a good home.

This is a model water mill which was donated to Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society for display at the Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum several years ago. This beautiful example of workmanship and technically accurate model was made to a very high standard by a local Wollaton craftsman who

used innovative materials for the internal detail, which is all in perspective. ...

[Read more.](#)

## Barney Drake's Grandmother

Barney Drake is starting to research the life story of his grandmother, born Dorothy Doncaster in West Burton, Notts in 1883. She was brought up on a farm at West Burton until her father's sudden death in 1894. The 1901 census shows that she had crossed the county boundary with her widowed mother to Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where she is recorded with the occupation of Candidate Pupil Teacher. By 1911 she was working as a governess for a Yorkshire family.

Can anyone help with the following questions?:

- 1) What is the most likely training place for a Notts farmer's daughter to have studied to become a teacher?
- 2) Is there any resource that lists teacher training establishments for women in Notts and Lincs for the late 19th and early 20th centuries, or would she just have learned by osmosis at town/village schools?

Any help would be very much appreciated.

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## Important Dates for 2016

**Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 10th May, Tuesday 2nd August, Tuesday 1st November.

**NLHA Autumn Day-School:** Saturday 22 October 2015

**NLHA Committee Meetings:** Tuesday 19 April 2016, Tuesday 19 July 2016, Tuesday 18 October 2016

**3rd Nottinghamshire Local History and Archaeology Day:** Saturday 9 July 2016

**Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair (Mansfield):** Sunday 8 May 2016

## 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 [chairman@nlha.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk).

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