



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Working together: what we do best

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The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair Mansfield Library, Sunday 08 May, 2016 (11.00am - 3.00pm)

A Great FREE Day Out for all the family

- Local history displays from across the county
- Old photographs
- Craft demonstrations
- Old films of Notts
- Mining Heritage
- FREE activities for children
- Costumed Characters
- Aviation history
- Archaeology
- Bookstalls - new and second hand
- Refreshments Available
- **PLUS** Meet the owls from The Owl Experience.co.uk

Bring your old photos of Notts and add them to our website

VENUE: Mansfield Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 1NH

Spring Open Day, STAA

On Monday Bank Holiday May 2nd 2016 between 11:00am and 4:00pm at St Anns Allotments Spring is in the air. Come and celebrate new growth alongside the vegetables, embrace the energy of nature at our urban oasis, and discover our unique heritage gardens at St Anns Allotments Spring Open Day. ...

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Music: International Solidarity and the 1984-85 Miners' Strike, Five Leaves Bookshop

On Thursday, 5th May 2016 at Five Leaves Bookshop between 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Granville Williams will be talking about his contribution to the book Pit Props, which marks the end of an era in coal mining in the UK and highlights how the incredible year-long struggle by the miners in defence of jobs and communities still resonates today. Booking is essential. ...

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1816: The Mary Shelley 'year without a summer', Bromley House Library

Presented by Miranda Seymour at Bromley House on Saturday 7th May 2016, 10.30am – 12.00pm. Doors open at 10.15am. 1816 was the “year without a summer”; a consequence of which was Lord Byron, Percy Shelley, and Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin telling each other dark stories while in Switzerland, leading to the writing of Frankenstein. ...

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Formal opening of Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum, Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society

To be performed by Peter King, Chairman of Wollaton Natural History Society at 2.15p.m. on 8 May 2016, Dovecote Drive, Wollaton, opposite Library. The display theme for 2016 is Local Wildlife and Nature Reserves. Guided walk around Wollaton Village and Church at 3.00p.m.

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The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair 2016

Sunday 8 May, 11am to 3pm, Mansfield Central Library, FREE Don't miss the fabulous day out for all the family. Join Robin Hood and explore local history displays, enjoy craft demonstrations, browse books for sale and see live owls at this wonderful annual fair.

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INSPIRE and the Nottinghamshire Archives, Angel Row History Forum

On Tuesday 10th May 2016 in Nottingham Local Studies Library, Angel Row Nottingham starting at 10:0am and finishing at 12:00 an opportunity to hear about INSPIRE and Nottinghamshire Archives.

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Coal mining around Eastwood and the Lawrence Connection, Stapleford and District LHS

Presented by David Amos on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at St Helen's Church Hall commencing at 7:00pm.

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Edward Carver, Burton Joyce & Bulcote LHS

Peter Hammond presents a journey into local and family history on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Burton Joyce Carnarvon Room commencing at 7:30pm. Admission for non-members is £2.00.

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The General Strike, Bromley House Library

Presented by Professor Keith Laybourn (Huddersfield University) at Bromley House on 11 May 2016, 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Doors open at 3.15pm Another in our popular talks we host for the Nottingham Branch of the Historical Association. You have all heard about the General Strike of 1926, but what do you know? Come along and find out. The talk is free. Booking is essential ...

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AGM: Samuel F Cody, Retford and District H & A S

Presented by Adrian Sumner at Retford Chapelgate Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

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AGM and History of Nottingham Hospitals,

East Leake & District LHS

Presented by Paul Swift on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at East Leake St Mary's Church Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

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Almshouses, Lenton LHS

Presented by Anne Earl on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at Dunkirk Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm.

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King John's Palace, Farnsfield LHS

On Wednesday 11th May 2016 at the Lower Hall of Farnsfield Village Centre commencing at 7:30pm Andy Gaunt of Mercian Archaeological Services will give a talk on King John's Palace at Old Clipstone. Andy Gaunt is a Director of Mercian Archaeological Services CIC and has been a community archaeologist in Nottinghamshire for many years.

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Excursion to Bilborough:

Southwell and Woodthorpe, The Thoroton Society

Thursday 12th May 2016, leader Alan Langton. The object of this excursion is to explore things ancient and modern. Beginning with a visit to the Church of St Martin of Tours at Bilborough where excavations in the course of restoration have revealed the rich heritage of a medieval church which was in danger of being lost for ever.

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Excursion to Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, Friends of Nottingham Museums

A half day outing on Saturday 14th May 2016 to the Lincoln Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirby

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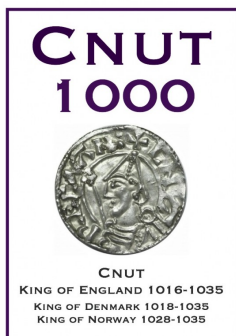


Make a Poppy, FONA

Join FONA members on Saturday 14th May at Nottinghamshire Archives to make a poppy to contribute to a commemorative Poppy Flower Box, which will become part of The Big Friendly Exhibition at Mansfield library during the summer. 9.30am to 12.20pm. Free event.

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THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!



The Vikings are Coming!, Friends of Thynghowe

On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May between 10:00am and 4:00pm at Sherwood Pines Forest Park, Edwinstowe there will be a recreation of Viking events of more than 1000 years ago. The event is FREE but car parking charges apply. Come dressed for the weather or in keeping with the time period see www.thynghowe.org.uk for more details

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The Trent Valley, Arnold LHG

Presented by Daryl Baxter on Tuesday 17th May 2016 at Arnold Labour Club commencing at 7:00pm.

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Boots in the First World War, Beeston & District LHS

Presented by Judith Wright on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at Chilwell Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30p.m.

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Guided Tour of the William Booth Museum, Lambley HS

On Wednesday 18th May 2016 a tour of the Museum and the Georgian house with kitchen, lounge etc plus a visit to the church.

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Guided walk 'The Gardens and Wollaton Park', Wollaton H&CS

Meet at top car park in Wollaton Park by the red phone box at 7.00p.m. on 19 May 2016, duration 2 hours.

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Southwell Minster: Its Prebends and Prebendaries, Woodborough LHG

Presented by Prof. Michael Jones on Thursday 19th May 2016 at The Institute , Woodborough commencing at 7:30pm.

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Notts Collieries Heritage Sites, Miners of African-Caribbean Heritage

On Saturday 21st May 2016 between 9.30am -3.30pm there will be a group visit to important Nottinghamshire Mining Historical sites with links to Notts Miners of African-Caribbean Heritage: (20 PLACES ONLY) Visit Notts Collieries Heritage Sites at Bilsthorpe Mining Museum & Gedling Country Park (formerly Gedling Colliery) Handle artefacts, speak to mining historians and recreate memories through creative arts. Refreshments provided. BBC in attendance (filming) ...

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Ann Treneman, Bromley House Library

On Saturday 21st May 2016 at Bromley House, 2pm – 3pm. Doors open at 1.45pm, Ann Treneman, journalist and author, chief theatre critic of The Times, parliamentary sketch writer for the previous 12 years. In her own words 'It's a logical move – politics is, as they say, just show biz for ugly people' She also writes interviews and feature articles ...

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The John Player Archive Collection, FONA

On Saturday 21 May 2016 at Nottinghamshire Archives at 11:00am Judith Mills will give an illustrated talk on The John Player Archive Collection. In the late 1980s John Player & Sons donated a significant collection of historic documents and artefacts to the City of Nottingham, which had been its home since the 1870s.

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Footpads: Kings and Highwaymen, Friends of Nottingham Museums

Presented by Ian Morgan on Saturday 21 May 2016 at Nottingham Castle Studio 1 commencing at 2:00pm.

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Archives Tours, Nottinghamshire Archives

On Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7:00pm at Nottinghamshire Archives you can explore your county's history with a behind-the-scenes tour of Nottinghamshire Archives and discover how we care for Nottinghamshire's written heritage. Suitable for adults and children aged 12+ accompanied by an adult. Advance booking is essential, to book, visit the Archives or call 0115 958 1634.

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Papplewick Pumping Station

Enjoy a fascinating day out at Britain's finest Victorian water works by visiting on one of their 2016 Steaming Days:

Easter	- Sunday 27 & Monday 28 March
May Day	- Sunday 1 & Monday 2 May
Spring Bank	- Sunday 29 & Monday 30 May
Summer	- Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 July
Summer Bank	- Sunday 28 & Monday 29 August
Late Summer	- Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September
1940s Weekend	- Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October
Christmas -	Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December

All steaming days run from 11am - 5pm. Standard admission: Adults £8 / Senior or Student £6 / Child (5-16) £4 / Family (2+2) £20 Papplewick Pumping Station is open on Sundays all year round for static displays. Opening times April - October from 11am - 2pm and November - March from 11am - 1pm



Greasley Castle and Manor Farms History Project

Greasley Castle Farm, on Church Road and Manor Farm, on New Lane were connected in the 14th century when the land was owned by Nicholas de Canteloup, who endowed Beauvale Priory. Both farms have mediaeval remains - castle walls, fishponds and

earthworks at Castle Farm, and some building remains at Manor Farm. Both farms are now owned by the Hodgkinson Trust, and the family are very keen to delve into their history, to discover more about them, and to preserve both farm sites for posterity.

A project group has been set up to carry out research and report on its findings. Some investigations have already been carried out at Castle Farm, and the group will build on that.

FARM-FEST 2016 will be held on Farm Open Day, Sunday 5th June at Greasley Castle Farm, Church Road, Greasley. NG16 2AB. It is being held to raise funds for the project, and the proceeds of the day will be spent on starting the research, both documentary and landscape. There is no charge for entry, but all donations will be gratefully received.

In addition to other attractions, visitors will be able to enjoy unique guided tours of the castle remains – an opportunity not to be missed, as the site is not usually open to visitors. Put the date in your diary, email me on jen.wren@btopenworld.com to book a place, and see the next newsletter for more information about what will be an exciting, full-day event.



Grand Tourists and Others: Travelling Abroad before the Twentieth Century

Weston Gallery, Nottingham Lakeside Arts, University Park,
Nottingham NG7 2RD Friday 29 April – Sunday 7 August
- Admission **FREE** This exhibition, jointly curated by Dr

Ross Balzaretti (School of Humanities) and Manuscripts and Special Collections at The University of Nottingham, takes the visitor on a journey through the history of travel since the sixteenth century.

The exhibition will be opened on Thursday 28th April (5pm-7pm), by Levison Wood, explorer, author of *Walking the Himalayas*, and History graduate (Nottingham 2004). ...

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D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum

Broxtowe Borough Council have advised amended opening hours and admission prices for the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum. The museum will now operate from Tuesday to Saturday (10:00am to 4:00pm) and admission will be £6.90 for adults, £5.10 for concessions, £3.30 for children (5-16) and £16.80 for families. The Museum is at 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood and is the childhood home to D. H. Lawrence...



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14th. Annual Great Nottingham Inclosure Walk.

1.30 pm Sunday 3rd July 2016.

Starts at the river end of Queens Walk, Nottingham, near to Wilford Bridge. Now accessible by tram (Clifton Line) from city centre or station. This walk goes through all the Recreation Grounds allotted to the townsfolk when their commonable Fields and Meadows were enclosed to give more space for desperately-needed housing.

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Nottinghamshire Museum Tells Best Story in the County

The Framework Knitters Museum is the only Nottinghamshire museum to have been awarded VisitEngland's prestigious 'Best Told Story' accolade. Best Told Story is one of five accolades VisitEngland give as part of their Visitor Attraction Quality Scheme. These awards recognise attractions that provide an exceptional visitor experience.

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Coal

At the Nottingham Playhouse on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May, at 8:00pm, COAL by Gary Clarke Company tells the true story of an industry and a community's fight for survival. Featuring members of Thoresby Colliery Band Main House - Tickets: £10 - £13 + optional £1 postage fee Age Guidance: 12+ - Duration: Approx 80 minutes (no interval) ...

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Free eMagazines

Inspire (formerly Nottinghamshire County Library Service) has a range of 150 titles of which 5 may be of particular interest to local historians All About History BBC History Magazine History Revealed Who Do You Think You Are Your Family Tree They can accessed on your device from anywhere by joining an Inspire library (formerly Nottinghamshire County Libraries) and following this link: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/whats-on/libraries/emagazines

[Read more.](#)



New Art Gallery Opening in Nottinghamshire

An exciting new art gallery that will celebrate Nottinghamshire Artists is opening to the public on Saturday 30 April. The Chapel Gallery, which will be located in the former Methodist Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, is a new partnership project between the museum and the Nottingham Society of Artists (NSA).

[Read more.](#)



HELP

Victorian and Edwardian Formal Gardens at Newstead Abbey

NLHA member Philip Jones is researching the Victorian and Edwardian formal and kitchen gardens at Newstead Abbey, and also the lives of the gardeners who worked there. He would be interested in receiving copies of old photographs and colour transparencies of the gardens (particularly any taken before 1965 when the glasshouses were demolished) and also any ephemera such as letters ...

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FINALLY

Important Dates for 2016

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

NLHA Autumn Day-School: Saturday 22 October 2016

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

3rd Nottinghamshire Local History and Archaeology Day (Lakeside): 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.

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