



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Working together: what we do best

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### Richard Gaunt Nominated to be an Elected Director of INSPIRE

INSPIRE is the newly created organisation set up to run the Nottinghamshire County Library Service and Nottinghamshire Archives. The organisation will be run by a Board of Directors and four of these directors will be directly elected by INSPIRE members. Elections will be held between Monday 15th August and Monday 19th September with the results announced on Monday 26th September.

**ONLY INSPIRE MEMBERS CAN VOTE** - if you are not already a member call in at your local library or have a look at:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/inspire>

Former NLHA Executive Committee Member Richard Gaunt is standing in the elections to the INSPIRE board. His manifesto (reproduced below) is based upon promoting the interests of the county's historians and archaeologists and the wide range of archives and library service users.

'The next three years will be crucial in establishing INSPIRE as a Community Benefit Society committed to working for the interests of its members. I can offer the requisite experience, enthusiasm and interest in helping INSPIRE to become a genuinely connected, representative members' organisation. I was one of the committee of volunteers which helped to establish the Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives (FONA) in 2012 and have served as its elected Chairman since that time. I believe that its success as a representative body working in partnership with the archives service offers a model which can usefully inform the work of INSPIRE. I am committed to representing the views of all members of INSPIRE, whatever their background and interests. Working together, I believe that we can help to realise the many opportunities created by the new organisation and strengthen the existing and future level of provision. I am particularly interested in INSPIRE's commitment to education. There are a significant number of post-16s in Nottinghamshire who use the county's library service and, as a University academic, I am committed to enabling students to use all the facilities available. My ongoing interest in these issues is demonstrated by my service on the Nottinghamshire Archives Users Group and continuing connection with the Nottinghamshire Local History Association. I am also an elected board member of the Nottingham Civic Society and the Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire which will enable me to strengthen INSPIRE's connections with the county's thriving community of local historians and archaeologists.'



## *Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces*

### **ANGEL ROW HISTORY FORUM**

Local Studies Library

1st Floor Central Library, Angel Row,

Nottingham NG1 6HP

on Tuesday 02 August

between 10:00 and 12:00

This FREE presentation is part of NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION's programme of Angel Row History Forum events run in conjunction with Nottingham Local Studies Library.

No need to book just drop in - all welcome - Tea and coffee provided

Members of the Nottingham Green Spaces Project will talk about their exhibition in the Local Studies Library (3-30 August) and show a series of short films based on the collaborative research project 'The Social World of Nottingham's Green Spaces', followed by a discussion of the project



### **Best of Nottinghamshire Art Celebrated in New Summer Exhibition at the Chapel Art Gallery**

The exhibition in the new art gallery at the Framework Knitters Museum will open on Saturday 30 July, as part of our summer holiday activities. Building on the success of The Chapel Gallery's inaugural exhibition, the new exhibition will feature work by three more popular local artists: Steve Brazier, Helen Kerry and Julian Pinnick ...

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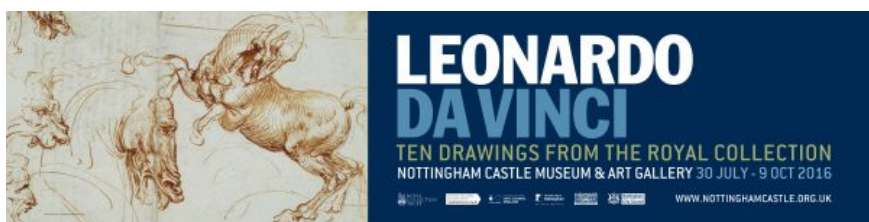


## East Midlands History & Heritage Magazine, Issue 3 out now!

The latest edition of East Midlands History & Heritage magazine has the theme of 'hidden voices' and articles include:

- Battle-scarred: Surgery, medicine and military welfare during the British Civil Wars
- “Slave-trade legacies: The colour of money”: Nottingham-based Heritage Project, finalist for National Lottery Awards 2016
- Voices from the past: The search for medieval graffiti in Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire
- Asylums at war: Duston War Hospital, 1916-1919
- Silent voices of the Lincolnshire poor
- The Pentrich Revolution Bicentenary 1817 – 2017 and the strange case of ‘Oliver the Spy’
- ‘For those women have got pluck’: The Women’s Social and Political Union in Loughborough
- What is happening at Delapré Abbey and why do we need you?
- Step back in time at the 1620s House and Garden, Donington le Heath
- Menace or inconvenience? Nottingham City’s response to the 1913 Mental Deficiency Act
- Night tales: The incident of the Rufford Park Poachers

Also available on-line at <http://eastmidlandshistory.org.uk/magazine-issue-3/>



## Ten Drawings from the Royal Collection

Between 30 July and 9 October

Nottingham Castle is to display ten of the finest drawings by Leonardo da Vinci from the Royal Collection in a new exhibition.

The works have been selected to show the extraordinary scope of the artist’s interests, from painting and sculpture to engineering, zoology, botany, mapmaking and anatomy, as well as his use of different media – pen and ink, red and black chinks, watercolour and metalpoint. Through drawing, Leonardo attempted to record and understand the world around him. He maintained that an image transmitted knowledge more accurately and concisely than any words. Nonetheless, many of his drawings are extensively annotated, including the sheet of Studies for casting the equestrian monument to Francesco Sforza, c.1492–4, and the double-sided page from a notebook of anatomical studies, *The heart compared to a seed* and *The vessels of the liver, spleen and kidneys*, c.1508.

Leonardo was left-handed and throughout his life he wrote in perfect mirror-image, from right to left. Rather than an attempt to keep his investigations secret, as has been claimed, this was probably a childhood trick that he never abandoned.

More information at <http://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/explore/exhibitions/leonardo-da-vinci>



## Grand Tourists and Others Exhibition

The latest Weston Gallery exhibition

***Grand Tourists and Others: Travelling Abroad Before the 20th Century*** runs at Lakeside Arts Centre until 7 August 2016:

[Read more.](#)

## Robin Hood Festival 2016

1 to 7 August 2016, Free entry, £5 car parking charge. Activities take place at three main locations in Sherwood Forest Country Park:

- Visitor Centre
- Major Oak (10-15 minutes walk from the Visitor Centre)
- Jousting Arena (10 minute walk from the Visitor Centre).

You may also encounter strolling players, costumed characters and medieval stalls as you move around the site. ...

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## NLHA at Nottingham Local History and Archaeology Day 9th July 2016

**Robert Howard** promoting the use of bus services to get round local heritage sites introduces the new, improved No 35 bus model.

Despite the bad weather the day got off to a good start with short presentations in the Lakeside theatre Introduced and Chaired by **Dr David Knight**, Director of Research at Trent & Peak

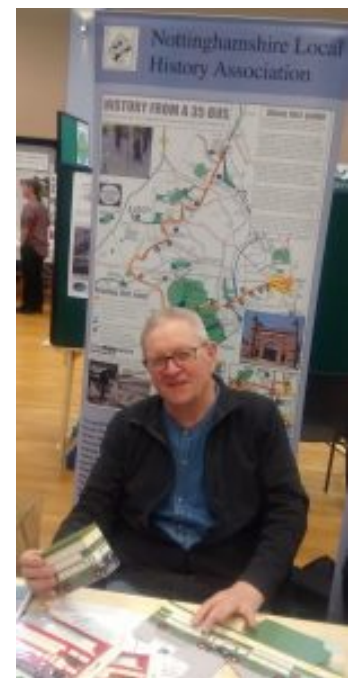
Archaeology. **Mickie Bradley**, the site owner of King Johns Palace spoke about work on the palace at Clipstone; **Steve Horne** gave an overview of the work of The Friends of Thynghowe; **John**

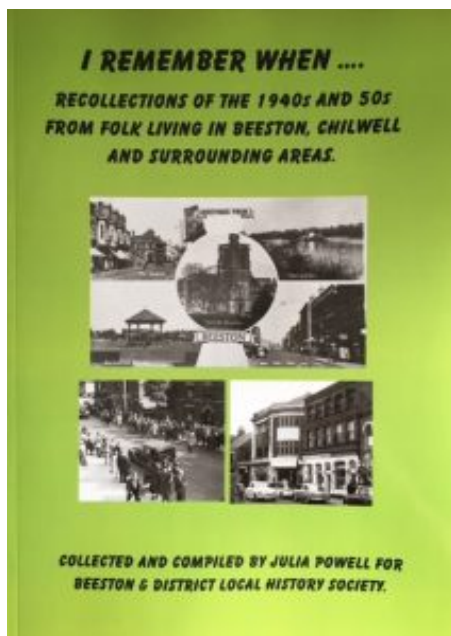
**Parker**, Chairman of Nottinghamshire Local History Association, outlined the changes and developments in local history; **Ruth Imeson**, of Nottinghamshire Archives, gave an illustrated talk about archives and heritage.

Stalls and exhibitions displaying regional historical and archaeological projects along with artefact handling were open from 12noon - 4pm.

The finds Liaison Officer for Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire County Council was on-hand to identify finds.

There were handling sessions of material from Nottinghamshire including stone artefacts, coins, pottery and animal bones from the Palaeolithic to the medieval period.. ...[Read more.](#)





## I Remember When

Beeston & District Local History Society's latest publication is a collection of life experiences during the 1940s and 50s from a range of folk living in Attenborough, Beeston, Chilwell, Bramcote, Toton, Sandiacre and Long Eaton. These vary from the tale of a teenage boy, who drove a butcher's delivery van in wartime to a seven year old, off to school on her own in thick snow, with no chance of cancelled lessons or crossing wardens! There are recollections of the joys of shopping, before the advent of supermarkets, the 'sixpenny rush' and halcyon days at Mablethorpe.

Published by BEESTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Price £7.99 - Available from September 2016

Check out the website for details of where to purchase

[www.beestonhistory.org.uk](http://www.beestonhistory.org.uk)

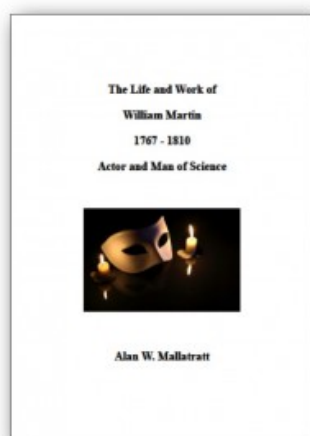
## Mary Ward College of Education, Keyworth by Howard Fisher

Howard's new book tells the story of the teacher training establishment, founded and operated by the Loreto Sisters, on Nicker Hill in Keyworth (now the site of the British Geological Society). Built in 1968 and opened by Princess Anne in June 1970 it was closed in 1977 due to changes in Government education policy.

The restoration of the Memorial Gates to the Rectory Field at Keyworth was made possible by a donation from the Sisters of Loreto to commemorate their stay in Keyworth between 1968 and 1977.

The book is available now at a cost of £7.00 from Keyworth and District Local History Society.

## New Book by Alan Mallatratt



The Life and Work of William Martin, 1767-1810, Actor and Man of Science William Martin, the principal subject of this work, was born in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire in 1767. ...

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*Nottingham's Historic Green Spaces*

## Nottingham Green Spaces Project Finding new ways to talk about history Angel Row History Forum

Tuesday 2nd August 2016 from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Angel Row Local Studies Library, 1st Floor  
Central Library Nottingham

Members of the Nottingham Green Spaces project team will talk about their Exhibition in the Local Studies Library (3-30 August) and show a series of short films based on the collaborative research project "The Social World of Nottingham's Green Spaces", followed by a discussion and question-and-answer session...

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## Nottingham Castle Excavations, The Thoroton Society

On Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at either 11:00am or 2:00pm Thoroton Society members are invited to come and see the work in progress at the excavations at Nottingham Castle. There will be no charge for entry to the Castle grounds for Thoroton members

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## Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum Members' Evening, Wollaton H&CS

Starts 7.00p.m. on 4 August 2016, followed by talk in St Leonard's Church: 'The Moving Cadavers'. Members only.

[Read more.](#)



## Heritage Walks: Another Walk in The Park, Nottingham Civic Society

Thursday 4th August at 6:30pm. This walk explores some of the lesser visited parts of the Estate but they still deliver great architecture and we will look at the origin of the street names. Meet at

Nottingham Castle Gatehouse. Walks are approx. 1 mile in length and will take approx. 2.5 hours and are taken at a very steady pace. The charges for all Civic Society walks are; £4 Adults. £3 Concessions. All accompanied children FREE No booking is required for any of these walks and they will go ahead regardless of the weather. Private or group tours can be arranged separately. Please check the dates, times and meeting places for all these walks as they do vary. For further details and accessibility contact; Kurt Hatton 07736 431571 [k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:k.hatton-civic@hotmail.co.uk) Kevin Powell 07791 663507 [kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com](mailto:kp.nottmhistory@virginmedia.com) ...

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## Guided walk 'Walled Garden of Wollaton Park', Wollaton H&CS

Meet on 9 August at 7.00p.m. in car park on left through Mr Man's entrance (not in Wollaton Park), duration 1.5 hours.

[Read more.](#)



## Heritage Walks: Georgian Nottingham, Nottingham Civic Society

Wednesday 10th August at 11:00am Concentrating on a period of time that has become much loved for its architecture, this walk looks at our Georgian properties that often get missed. Meet outside The Bell Inn, Angel Row. Walks are approx. 1 mile in length and will take approx. 2.5 hours and are taken at a very steady pace. ...

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## Naukratis, University of Nottingham Museum

On Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 1:00pm at Lakeside Dr. Ross Thomas (current excavator of the site; Department of Greece and Rome at the British Museum) will give a presentation on this international port of Ancient Egypt. Talks are free but must be booked at the Box Office 0115 846 7777.....[Read more.](#)

# Slum Landlords of Edwardian Nottingham, Lenton LHS

Mo Cooper tells the story of the Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at Dunkirk Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm.....[Read more.](#)



## Family Fun Day, Bromley House Library

On Saturday 13th August 2016 11am – 4.00pm the Library will open its doors for families to enjoy craft, art and photography workshops. There will be demonstrations of bookbinding, paper craft as well as face painting and storytelling. Refreshments will be available. The full programme to be announced. Ticket prices to be announced. Booking essential via 0115 9473134, [enquiries@bromleyhouse.org](mailto:enquiries@bromleyhouse.org) ...[Read more.](#)

## Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum Open, Wollaton H&CS

'Annual Show' on 14 August 2016 includes WI Market, produce stall etc, Dovecote Drive, opposite Library. Guided walk around Wollaton village and church 3.00p.m.

[Read more.](#)



## Terror from the Skies, Beeston and District LHS

The night the zeppelins came presented by Stephen Flinders on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at Chilwell Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30p.m.

[Read more.](#)



## Heritage Walks: Lace Market, Nottingham Civic Society

Thursday 18th August at 6:30pm A guided tour around the famous Lace Market looking at how the area developed through the centuries into a national centre of the lace trade. Meet at Weekday Cross, outside The Contemporary. Walks are approx. 1 mile in length and will take approx. 2.5 hours and are taken at a very steady pace. ...

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## Heritage Walks: The General Cemetery, Nottingham Civic Society

Wednesday 24th August at 11:00am This walk looks at the history of the people buried here, some are of national importance. Meet just inside the main entrance to the General Cemetery, Canning Circus.

Walks are approx. 1 mile in length and will take approx. 2.5 hours and are taken at a very steady pace....

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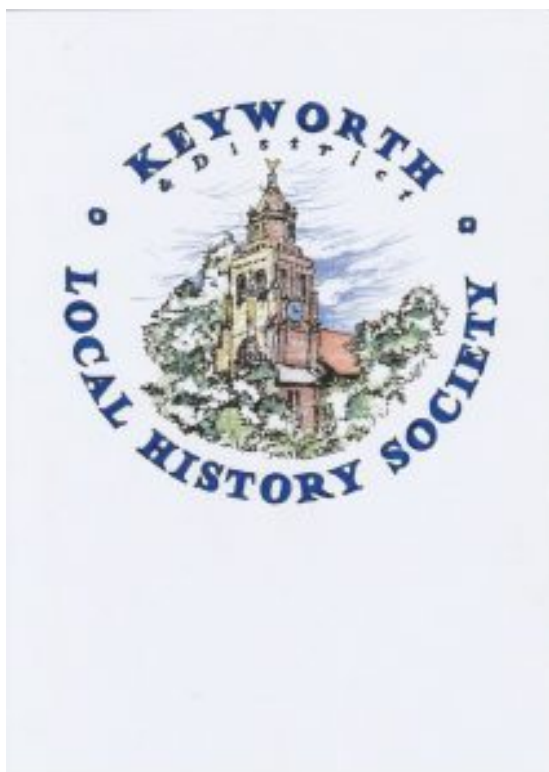
## Francis Willughby: His life and legacy, University of Nottingham

Thursday 25 August, 1-2pm in the Djanogly Theatre at Lakeside Dr Dorothy Johnston, co-curator of the Francis Willughby exhibition, explores the life of Francis Willughby and his significance in the history of Middleton Hall, Warwickshire and Wollaton Hall, Nottinghamshire.

From 19 August until 4 December Manuscripts and Special Collections is holding an exhibition on Francis Willughby, the local natural historian. Francis Willughby (1635-72): A Natural Historian And His Collections will run at the Weston Gallery, Nottingham Lakeside Arts.

There are 6 talks connected to the exhibition. All of these are free and are being held in the Djanogly Theatre at Lakeside:. ...

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## Edward Carver: Local Hatter and Furrier, Keyworth and District LHS

Presented by Peter Hammond on Friday 2nd September 2016 at the Centenary Lounge, Keyworth Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Guests are welcome. There will be refreshments and a bookstall.

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## Important Dates for 2016

- **Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 2nd August, Tuesday 1st November.
- **NLHA Autumn Day-School:** Saturday 22 October 2016
- **NLHA Committee Meetings:** Tuesday 18 October 2016

## Important Dates for 2017

- **Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 14th February, Tuesday 9th May, Tuesday 8th August, Tuesday 14th November 2017

## 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).

If you are looking at the on-line version of this newsletter then the '[Read more](#)' tags will take you to the appropriate pages on the website where you will find more details about the particular topic or event. If you are looking at the PDF version of the newsletter then the '[Read more](#)' tags have no effect but you can still access the news and events on our webpage at [www.nlha.org.uk](http://www.nlha.org.uk)

I am happy to post news and events to the webpage at any time but if you want them to appear in the newsletter than I need to have them by the last week-end of the previous month (September news and events need to be with me by 27/28 August at the latest)

Thank you for your support

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