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Articles for *The Nottinghamshire Historian*

The Nottinghamshire Historian is published by Nottinghamshire Local History Association twice each year and distributed to our members free of charge. It is also available to purchase and can be found in libraries and heritage sites.

We try to feature articles that are interesting rather than academic and that focus on an aspect of Nottinghamshire local history which may be about families, communities, personalities, buildings, battles, wars, transport, biographies, engineers, inventors, local characters, book reviews, pubs, churches..... In fact a whole range of topics. Have a look at our website for recent publications to get an idea of the writing style.

We are always looking for material to publish from budding or established authors and while we welcome proposals on any local history subject, and the possibilities are endless, please send us an outline proposing a length (in words) before submitting any completed articles.

David Starkey, Niall Ferguson and Simon Schama all had to start somewhere. Dickens began by writing for the London periodical *Monthly Magazine*. If you want to write for **The Nottinghamshire Historian** why not try submitting a short piece first? We always want good short items, even better if you have illustrations to go with them.

If you have a story to tell or some research to reveal then we need to know about it, our readers need to see it, you need to get it published.

Material can be sent at any time to editor@nlha.org.uk



Nottingham Heritage Partnership Launch

Saturday 26th November 2016

The launch at the Council House was attended by over 100 people from across the city, including members of the Civic Society, Thoroton Society, Canalside Heritage Centre, Wollaton Local History Society, Mapperley and Sherwood Local History group, Nottingham Industrial Museum, Green's Windmill, Canalside Heritage Centre, Friends of the Forest, Friends of Victoria Embankment, SKN Heritage, Woodthorpe House, Green Spaces Project, Newstead Abbey Partnership, NTU, Nottingham University, Malt Cross, Museum Service, Libraries, etc . as well as a number of funding, consultant and business development organisations.

The introduction by Cllr Nick McDonald , stressing the importance of promoting the heritage of the city as part of a plan to promote economic development and regeneration across the city. This was developed through examples given by a number of speakers through the day (Kathy McArdle, Chief Executive of the Culture Quarter, who focused on restoration of buildings across the Lace Market through promotion of new business and employment, and the Malt Cross presentation, on restoring an historic building through developing multiple use and business opportunities.)

John Beckett followed with a plea to preserve the heritage of the city but for the city not to become ossified. He stressed that a city must adapt and change over time although the rich variety of the city's heritage of buildings must be protected. This was also a theme taken up by other speakers and specifically by the Civic Society presentation by Ian Wells and a representative from Historic England..

A further theme running through the day was the success of the city in gaining the significant grant aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund for developing the Castle. This was to include refurbishment of the Castle building itself and extension of the museum to include the "rebellion gallery", and also to develop the grounds and entertainments which would promote the Castle as a significant visitor attraction.

Two presentations focused more on engaging local people in local history. Louise Butterworth, NCC Audience Engagement Officer, on the use of volunteers at city historical venues , like Wollaton Park, Brewhouse Yard and Newstead Abbey, with an excellent short film on the responses of these volunteers. The second was by Dr Anna Souto of NTU who reported on the project on Mapping Nottingham's Identity and its work in Sneinton, Carrington and West Bridgford.

Questions were raised about the past role of NCC in protecting buildings, the shortcomings of the museum service, how the development of Broadmarsh area is to enhance the heritage of the Carrington Street area, and the importance of remembering the historic ties to Calais in the lace industry (with a visitor from Calais speaking).

Workshops focused on identifying and enriching a "local list" of places across the city that needed to be protected or marked in addition to those already protected as listed buildings/sites; and on general reflections and responses to the consultation document. although many had not seen it, and how we could contribute to it[Read more.](#)



The Friends of the Centre for English Local History

Our objectives are to provide financial and other support to the Centre for English Local History at the University of Leicester, and to its students, and to support the study of local history more generally. Membership of the Friends is open to anyone with an interest in local history – no qualifications are needed, and there is no need to have been a student of the Centre for English Local History, or of the University of Leicester. For more information see <http://friends.englishlocalhistory.org>[Read more.](#)



A New Chapter Begins at the Framework Knitters Museum

As Paul Baker, the manager of the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, moves on to pastures new it seems the perfect time to take stock and consider the impressive journey the homage to Nottinghamshire's past has taken over the last 5 years ...[Read more.](#)

Things are Happening at the Galleries of Justice

From February 2017, following a £1million Heritage Lottery Fund supported project The Galleries of Justice we will become the **National Justice Museum**. Using the UK's largest collection relating to law, justice, crime and punishment, the Museum will continue to deliver high quality educational experiences at authentic legal and heritage sites both in Nottingham and across the UK. The Museum is currently undergoing major refurbishment...[Read more.](#)

The Austerity Years ...and beyond, Kimberley WEA

Kimberley WEA are running a course in January 'The Austerity Years ...and beyond' which will take place at Rumbletums Cafe, 2a Victoria Street, Kimberley NG16 2NH on a Tuesday between 3:15pm and 4:45 pm for nine meetings from 10th January to 7th March 2017. YOU'VE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD said Harold MacMillan in 1957. What did this mean for Nottingham?...[Read more.](#)

Kimberley WEA
THE AUSTERITY YEARS and beyond
1950 to 1970

"YOU'VE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD" Harold Macmillan said in 1957. What did this mean for Great Britain and for Nottingham? The course will look at major Nottingham industries including Boots and Raleigh.

The 1950s were also the decade of the Korean war and the decline of the British Empire.

We will include the development of the Cold War and study detailed Soviet satellite maps of Nottingham, and a map shows the area where a 9 kiloton nuclear bomb was targeted north of the city.

Spain, 1 - October 1937

Cover to know the course will study the murder of the Drummond family from Walnut.

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For more information contact: 0115 9234000



Nottingham Women's History Group

Nottingham Women's History Group is reorganising the way it records the names of its members to comply with data protection. Please let NWHG know if you wish to remain on the distribution list and become a member. Membership is free and, once confirmed, you will receive updates about activities and two newsletters a year....[Read more.](#)



Newcomen Society South Yorkshire

A new branch of the Newcomen Society has recently been formed to cover the Yorkshire / Lincolnshire / Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire region and will meet at Kelham Island Industrial Museum in Sheffield. Based in London but with branches across the country the Newcomen Society is the world's foremost group for the history of engineering and technology...

[Read more.](#)

Connecting collections: tell us your research story



The National Archives, working with members of the archives sector, is calling for blog entries from academic researchers which explore the connections between archives across the UK and around the world. Archival research can lead you to surprising locations – and conclusions ...

[Read more.](#)

The Harry Johnson Awards for best restoration of a building, or best new building within a Nottinghamshire historic setting

Four notable building projects - in Edingley, Keyworth, Southwell and Upton - have won for their owners the prestigious biennial Harry Johnson Award 2016. A ceremony on Friday, 25th November at 6.30pm in the Media Room, The Minster Chambers, Church Street, Southwell, will celebrate their achievements with the presentation of certificates by NBPT Chairman Cllr Mrs M Stockwood. ...

[Read more.](#)

Nottinghamshire Artists on Display at the Chapel Art Gallery

Playing the Blues by Lynd Child November brings more Nottinghamshire artists to the Chapel Art Gallery at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington. Celebrated at this fourth exhibition will be Lynda Childs, Dawn Wilsher and Nigel Boughton-Smith. The exhibition will open on Saturday 19 November and run until Saturday 25 February. ...



[Read more.](#)



Twice the Festive Fun at the Framework Knitters Museum

The Framework Knitters Museum, Ruddington, will be hosting two Christmas events this year – each with their own little twist. On

Saturday 3 December visitors can create a unique take on a Christmas stocking using historic hand-knitting machines, and on Saturday 10 December the museum's annual Victorian Christmas experience will take place.

The first event, on Saturday 3 December, is the perfect way to start your family Christmas celebrations. Using the hand-powered knitting machines children will be able to knit their own tube of material which, with the help of the museum volunteers, will be sewn at one end. The children will then be able to personalise their stocking with festive sparkle.

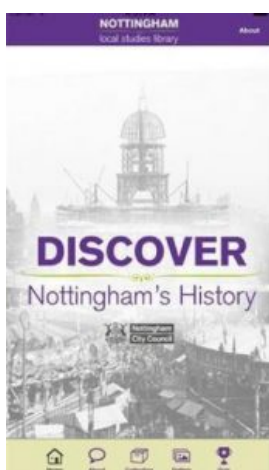
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Weather Extremes: Making and Breaking Records in Nottinghamshire



Friday 16 December 2016 to Sunday 26 March 2017 in the Weston Gallery, Lakeside. This exhibition uses the materials held by The University of Nottingham's Manuscripts and Special Collections to explore the history of extreme weather events in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding area. Key events in Nottinghamshire's weather history will be featured: floods, droughts, storms, extremes of temperature ...

[Read more.](#)



How well do you know your Nottingham history!

Discover Nottingham's History is a free app that uncovers the highlights and rarities of Nottingham Central Library's extensive Local Studies collection.

Using a wealth of materials from newspapers, books, pamphlets to images and maps, explore the first collection available on the app-Nottingham Forest Football Club. From the unusual to the captivating, this collection reveals the fascinating 150 year history of the club. You can even take part in a fun quiz and see how good your local football knowledge really is!

You can also explore our gallery of images, organised by collection. Topics include Lord Byron, Robin Hood, Nottingham's iconic buildings and much more....

[Read more.](#)



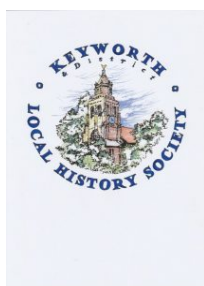
Once upon a time at Christmas, Lambley HS

Presented by Tracey Akehurst on Monday 28th November 2016 at Lowdham WI Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Kiss your neighbours under the mistletoe. Keep the Yule log burning and decorate the Christmas Tree! Of all the seasonal celebrations Christmas has more traditional plants, with their accompanying legends and symbolism, than any other ... [Read more.](#)



Robinson's Mills and the Cotton Workers, Friends of Moor Pond Woods

On Wednesday 30th November 2016 at Papplewick Village Hall, Linby Lane Papplewick NG15 8FB commencing at 7.30 Stephen Walker will give a talk on Robinson's mills and the cotton workers. Meetings take place on the final Wednesday of the month. See the Papplewick village events diary for details www.papplewick.org/events..... [Read more.](#)

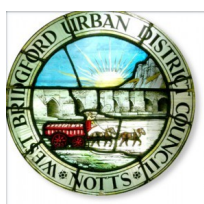


Christmas Social, Keyworth and District LHS

Members Christmas social on Friday 2nd December 2016 at the Centenary Lounge, Keyworth Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm. THIS IS A TICKET ONLY

EVENT

[Read more.](#)



Nottingham in 1816, West Bridgford and District LHS

On Friday 2nd December 2016 at Lutterell Hall, West Bridgford, commencing at 7:30pm John Beckett will give a presentation on Nottingham 200 years ago.

[Read more.](#)



A Victorian Christmas at the Workhouse, Southwell Workhouse

On Saturday 3 December 2016 from 4pm–8pm wrap up warm and experience the true spirit of Christmas with the paupers and staff at The Workhouse. [Read more.](#)



Cross Cultural Gardening at Newstead Abbey, Newstead Abbey Partnership

On Monday 5th December 2016 between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in The West Front Room of Newstead Abbey Professor Charles Watkins (School of Geography, University of Nottingham) and Professor Setsu Tachibana (Kobe Yamate University, Japan) will give an exclusive lecture entitled Cross Cultural Gardening at Newstead Abbey the Byrons, the Wildmans and the Webbs. NAP members £5.00, Non members £10.00....[Read more.](#)



The Kennedys: Triumph and Tragedy, East Bridgford LHG

On Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7:30pm at East Bridgford Methodist Chapel John Whitfield will give a talk on The Kennedys....[Read more.](#)



Remembering Hyson Green and Area, The Vine

Do you have any memories of Hyson Green? Would you like to come along to a get-together at The Vine Community Centre, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green between 10:00 - 12:00am on Wednesday 7th December....it's for anyone who fancies a cuppa and a chat to remember living, shopping or working in Hyson Green ...[Read more.](#)



The Smiths who lived at Bromley House, Bromley House Library

On Wednesday 07 December 2016 at 02:00pm at Bromley House Library Edward White will give a talk on the former residents of Bromley House. This talk is a repeat of The Smiths talk earlier in the year and replaces the advertised talk. Bromley House Members £3.00, visitors £4.00. Booking essential.

[Read more.](#)

Charlie & Bluebell Hill Boy, Peopleshistreh

Following the publication of our brand new book Charlie & Bluebell Hill Boy, we invite you to the launch event on 7th December 2016 – 7pm at Nottingham Mechanics. Join People's Histreh and author Colin Brett to celebrate the launch our brand new book! There will also be a talk by People's Histreh, giving you an update regarding our ongoing research project ... [Read more.](#)



AGM and Fuddle, Woodborough LHG

On Thursday December 8th 2016 commencing at 7:30 pm at The Institute Woodborough the group's AGM will be followed by a Fuddle and A Christmas Music Hall presented by Trevor Lee.

[Read more.](#)



Community Archaeology Workshop, The Nottinghamshire Archaeology Panel

The Nottinghamshire Archaeology Panel and HLF invite you to a Community Archaeology Workshop on Thursday 8th December at 1 – 4pm at The Newstead Centre. Tilford Road, Newstead Village NG15 0BS This event is the first in a series of workshops and is particularly aimed at members of community groups. Places are free, but please register through EventBrite to assist us with refreshments, etc: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nottinghamshire-archaeology-panel-tickets-29112075000> ...[Read more.](#)



The Civil War in the Midlands, Friends of the Centre for English Local History

On Thursday 8 December 2016 at 2.15pm in the Seminar Room of No 1 Salisbury Road Fiona McCall (Portsmouth), will examine the experience of Civil War in the Midlands from the records of Leicestershire clerical trials You are invited to tea in the Common Room, 5 Salisbury Road, afterwards....[Read more.](#)

Local History Seminar, University of Nottingham

On Saturday 10th December 2016 commencing at 10:00pm in Lenton Grove on the University of Nottingham campus Radcliffe on Trent U3A First World War Group will present the next in a series of Local history Seminars hosted by The Department of History of the University of Nottingham. Since 2013 a U3A and Heritage Lottery Funded project has been exploring the impact of World War I on Radcliffe on Trent...[Read more.](#)



Beam Engine Steaming, Papplewick Pumping Station

On Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December between 11:00am and 4:00pm there will be a Christmas event at Papplewick Pumping Station. The Pumping Station will be in steam and tours to the underground reservoir will also be available. Admission Charges - Engines in Steam Days - includes free car parking Gift Aid* Adult £10.00, Senior/student £7.50, Child (5-16) £5.00 ...[Read more.](#)

The Christmas Carol from Ancient to Modern, Friends of Nottingham Museums

Presented by Marion Allen on 10 December 2016 at Nottingham Castle Studio 1 commencing at 2:00pm.

[Read more.](#)



Nottingham Subscription Library 1816-2016, The Thoroton Society

On Saturday 10th December 2016 Geraldine Gray will present the Neville Hoskins Lecture at The Mechanics Institute commencing at 2:30pm. This talk will look at how the library started and developed in the Regency era, its long years as a membership library in the nineteenth century, the ups and downs of the 20th ... [Read more.](#)



Christmas Meeting, NEDIAS

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

On Monday 12 December 2016 at 7:30pm at St Thomas' Centre, Chatsworth Road, Brampton (opposite Vauxhall/Bristol St Motors) S40 3AW NEDIAS will be holding their Christmas Meeting.[Read more.](#)

Christmas Lunch, Farnsfield LHS

On December 13th 2016, place and time to be confirmed....[Read more.](#)

Christmas Social Event, Stapleford and District LHS

The Christmas social event will be held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at St Helen's Church Hall commencing at 7:00pm....[Read more.](#)



Funny Numbers on Coins, Numismatic Society

A presentation by Richard Fife on Tuesday December 13th 2016 at the Lecture Theatre, Lakeside commencing at 7:00pm...[Read more.](#)



Glad Tidings, Nottingham Civic Society

On Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 07:30pm at St Barnabas' Cathedral Hall, Wellington Circus, Nottingham, NG1 5AE Steph Mastoris takes a light-hearted look at the history of the Christmas Card...[Read more.](#)

Christmas Party, Lenton LHS

The Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at Dunkirk Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm....[Read more.](#)

The Dovedale Hoard, Sutton Bonington LHS

Presented by Rachael Hall at Sutton Bonington Methodist Church Schoolroom on Wednesday 14th December 2016 commencing at 7:30pm. A precious hoard of Roman and late Iron Age coins discovered in a cave in the Peak District, where it had lain undisturbed for more than 2000 years...[Read more.](#)



The Bloodline: The Seed of Kings, Retford and District H&AS

On 14th December 2016 at 7:30 pm in Chapelgate Hall Mike Ogden presents The Bloodline: The Seed of Kings followed by mince pies, tea and coffee....[Read more.](#)



Stoneywell, East Leake and District LHS

On Wednesday 14th December 2016 at East Leake Church Hall commencing at 7:30 pm Mark Temple will give a presentation on Stoneywell, a National Trust property....[Read more.](#)



Christmas Steaming Extravaganza, Nottingham Industrial Museum

On Sunday 18 December 2016 from 11am - 4pm at Nottingham Industrial Museum, Wollaton Hall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG8 2AE come and join us with all the family for our fabulous family Christmas steaming event. ...[Read more.](#)

Millennium Lantern Parade Film and Mince Pie, Edwinstowe HS

Wednesday December 21st 2016 at The Church Rooms, Edwinstowe commencing at 2:00pm....[Read more.](#)



SPEAKERS

Peter Hammond

Peter Hammond is a qualified archaeologist and an experienced local and family historian. He gives a wide range of talks, some use old-fashioned slides, some are digital presentations, and some focus on artefacts. Normally only available in evenings unless around school holidays. Guided walks and school workshops also available.

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Talks (more details on each on request and on website. Others also available not listed below)

- Middens and Muck
- So You think You Know Nottingham (Parts 1,2 and 3)
- Edward Carver: A Journey into Local and Family History
- On the Buses
- Potions, Lotions and Cure-alls
- Murder, Mystery, and Misfortune
- Robert Blincoe: Nottinghamshire's Oliver Twist
- Destitution and Despair (Claypole Workhouse)
- Well, Well, Well: The story of Nottingham's Caves and Wells
- The archaeology of clay tobacco pipes
- Mudlarking in the River Thames
- Webb of Intrigue: The story of the Webb Family of Newstead Abbey
- Albert Ball: Nottingham's First World War Ace Pilot
- The Luddites: Nottingham's Response
- A Load of Codd's Wallop: The history of the Glass Bottle
- Belvoir Angels: A Grave Story
- Joseph Woolley: The Diary of a Framework Knitter
- A Servant's Lot
- Portraits of the Past: Nottinghamshire's Victorian Studio Photographers
- Victorian shopping in Nottingham
- William Booth's early years in Nottingham
- A historical tour of Whitby
- A historical tour of Llandudno

Stephen Flinders Public Speaker in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire & Leicestershire



Stephen has been on the speaking circuit since 2008 presenting on a variety of subjects including Local, Industrial, Social and Family History. Based near Ilkeston in Derbyshire he is a very active member of the Ilkeston and District Local History Society.....[Read more.](#)

Mark Dawson

Mark is a historian researching and writing on the history of food and drink in the early modern period. Much of what is written about the history of food uses evidence from printed sources – cookery books, dietary advice books, etc. – with the resulting concentration on the wealthy and at best generalisations (often inaccurate) about the experience of those not so fortunate. Mark's approach is to work from the ground up, using documentary evidence of everyday life to build up a picture of what was actually going on in the households of our forebears.



Mark generally only charges £40 for talks in the evening to local groups in Derbyshire and Notts and that includes travel costs. There is usually an updated list of talks on his website at mdfoodhistory.weebly.com. The list includes:

- Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire. A look at the foods being eaten and patterns of dining in the county from c.1540 through to c.1700.
- Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Nottinghamshire
- To everything a season? Seasonality in the Tudor period.- The nature and importance of changing dietary patterns through the year.
- Oatcakes: farming and diet in North Derbyshire.
- What's up with ewe? A thousand years of English sheep's milk cheese.
- Eating out of house and home. – How did people in the early modern period get food when they were away from home and what sorts of food did they eat?

You can contact mark at mdfoodhistory@gmail.com



Looking for a local history speaker?

Robert Mee can present a number of illustrated talks for your group. Robert is a qualified trainer and is on the Derbyshire Directory Speakers List; holds an M.A. in English Local History from the University of Leicester (2014); has conducted several research projects around Heanor, and is a volunteer research assistant at Leicester University...[Read more.](#)



Does anyone know anything about the history of Forest House set in woodland off the A611 at Annesley? It is currently occupied by the Brooklyn Day Nursery, the first nursery in the house was founded by the current owner's father Eric Hall in 1958, at the moment I don't know anything earlier than that. Victoria Najafi is looking for information about her grandmother, Lily Boyd (nee Rimmer), who worked there as a cook prior to 1951. Email information please to chairman@nlha.org.uk

Important Dates for 2017

- **NLHA Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 14th February, Tuesday 9th May, Tuesday 8th August, Tuesday 14th November
- **NLHA Day Schools:** Saturday 01 April, Saturday 21 October
- **NLHA AGM:** Saturday 01 April
- **Thoroton AGM:** Saturday 29 April
- **Thoroton Excursions:** Thursday 25 May, Thursday 20 July, Tuesday 12 September
- **Thoroton Research Group:** Saturday 01 April, Saturday 30 September
- **Thoroton Lectures:** 14 January, 11 February, 11 March, 22 June, 10 October, 14 October, 11 November, 09 December

Full details from www.nlha.org.uk and www.thorotonsociety.org.uk

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.

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

I am happy to post news and events to the webpage at any time but if you want them to appear in the newsletter then I need to have them by the last week-end of the previous month (January news and events need to be with me by 30/31 December at the latest)

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