

## Working together: what we do best

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## Northamptonshire Record Office Charges for Access to Historic Records

From 21 August 2017 Northamptonshire Record Office will charge for access to historic records. Essentially, the only free access will now be Tues-Thurs 0900-1300, and all other access will be charged at £31.50 per hour.

This is an issue that has implications beyond Northamptonshire and its collections and also raises legal concerns about documents in public ownership that the record office are obliged to make available. ***Local Historians across the region need to protest about this.*** Feedback should be sent to the 'Portfolio Holder' (the man at the council who is responsible for the service), who is Andre Gonzalez de Savage:

[agdesavage@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:agdesavage@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

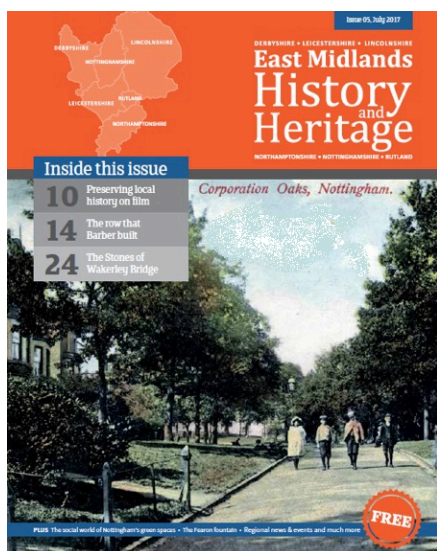
An on-line petition is being organised by Dr Mary Ann Lund ( at the University of Leicester) - sign up **NOW**

[https://www.change.org/p/northamptonshire-county-council-northamptonshire-county-council-don-t-charge-for-visiting-archives?recruiter=46843715&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_term=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/northamptonshire-county-council-northamptonshire-county-council-don-t-charge-for-visiting-archives?recruiter=46843715&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=share_petition)

We understand that INSPIRE has absolutely no intention of doing anything like this in Nottinghamshire.

## Local History Society Programmes

If you have not already let us have your 2017-18 events programme please email it to John Parker at [chairman@nlha.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk) to ensure it gets included in the Autumn 2017 edition of *The Nottinghamshire Historian*.



## New Edition of East Midlands History and Heritage Magazine

The next edition of EMHH is due out soon and will be available FREE in your local library.

Groups and societies that need copies for members should contact John Parker at [chairman@nlha.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nlha.org.uk) who will arrange distribution.

In this edition:

- Entertaining the community: hospital fundraising before the NHS
- Political biographies of the early women councillors on Nottingham City Council 1920-1930
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## Happy Birthday QMC

The QMC was officially opened by The Queen on 28 July 1977, it was the biggest purpose-built hospital in Europe with 27 miles of corridors.

Anyone interested in the story of the QMC should have a look at a new online history of the QMC, 'Nottingham's Medical Metropolis', by University of Nottingham alumnus Paul Swift. <http://www.nottinghamhospitalshistory.co.uk/page26.html>

## NLHA October 2017 Day School



The Day School will be held at Ravenshead Village Hall on Saturday 21st October 2017 commencing at 10:00am. Morning: James Wright (Mediaeval Elite Landscapes) In the Middle Ages the elite invested heavily in more than just their habitat – their castle or manor-house. New research has shown that their landscapes were heavily designed to afford them both pleasure, fun and a scene ...

[Read more.](#)



## Robin Hood Festival 2017

31 July to 6 August 2017 in Sherwood Forest Country Park free entry £5 car parking charge. Events programme: What's happening and where Download the daily events guide Activities take place at two main locations in Sherwood Forest Country Park: Visitor Centre Major Oak (10 to 15 minutes walk from the Visitor Centre) :...[Read more.](#)

## Nottingham Castle Cave Tours

12pm, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm Taking place everyday when the castle is open The complex network of caves hidden beneath Nottingham's streets have had a firm influence on the fabric of the city's history. Naturally, some of the most dramatic and well-preserved tales were based around the castle quarter, and this fascinating tour lets you in on all the secrets...[Read more.](#)



## Discover Your Nottingham with Chris Weir

Did you know Nottingham was once divided into a French and English Borough? Or that Nottingham once had a Blowbladder Street!? Local Historian and author Chris Weir will peel back the layers of history to reveal how Nottingham's past has influenced the present and along the way we will discover characters like the firebrand Fergus O'Connor...[Read more.](#)

## Edwinstowe Historical Society: Launch Event for New Website and Opening of Archive Office

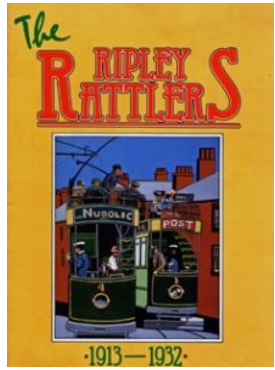
Edwinstowe Historical Society received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2015. The grant has been used to create an archive of the many photographs and documents which the society holds, digitize them and create a website which is accessible to anyone interested in the history of Edwinstowe and the surrounding area....[Read more.](#)



## Lido to Lakeside 1924 to 1992

We're making a splash this summer celebrating 25 years of Nottingham Lakeside Arts. In a special installation, the Djanogly Gallery will be reimagined as the old Highfields Park Lido. Digital artist Barret Hodgson invites visitors to take a unique and interactive dip through the decades, from the opening of the Lido in 1924, through to its final season in 1980, ...[Read more.](#)





## A History of Nottingham Trams, Angel Row History Forum August 2017

On Tuesday 8th August 2017 at 10:00am in the Local Studies Library on the first floor of Nottingham Central Library there will be a presentation on the background, development, expansion and subsequent decline of Nottingham's (and surrounding areas) first electric tram system. It will be accompanied by a viewing of *The Ripley Rattlers* on video and extracts from letters, news reports and literature of the time.

In 1881 Nottingham had a population of 186700 but this grew rapidly and by 1901 stood at 239752. Considerable development was taking place across the city including such places as New Basford and Hyson Green; Sherwood and Carrington also grew dramatically. The Corporation planned and built new roads but, other than a failed attempt in The Meadows, there was no establishment of separate housing and industrial zones resulting in the lace and hosiery factories being scattered across the town. It was only towards the end of the nineteenth century that specific industrial areas emerged and as these pockets developed the need for public transport became acute.

Commuting was available to the middle classes by way of horse buses and horse trams and by 1870 regular services were running to Basford, Lenton, Carrington, Sneinton and West Bridgford. In 1875 the Nottingham and District Tramways Company was founded and by 1878 ran regular horse trams from St Peters Square to the Midland Station and the Great Northern Station on London Road. In 1879 they introduced new routes to Carrington and in 1881 to Basford. However in 1890 the local traders association was complaining to the Corporation about the tram service on the basis that it was slow and expensive. The corporation apparently took no notice.

In 1897 the tramways were taken out of private ownership by the corporation who exercised their rights under the 1870 Tramways Act and plans were put in place for an expanded system using electric overhead traction.

On 01 January 1901 the first electric tram ran from the market place in Nottingham to Sherwood and the service was 'extensively patronised'. The tram fleet increased from 135 in 1914 to 155 by 1919 and by 1926 200 trams were operating on almost 26 miles of track but from 1921 there was increased competition from motor buses and from 1927 by trolley busses. The Nottingham Corporation Act of 1930 led to the conversion of tramway routes to trolley bus services and electric trams were phased out by 1936.

Following tea/coffee from 10.00 the talk will start at 10.30

This is a **FREE** event, everyone is welcome....[Read more.](#)



## Revolution, Richard Gaunt, Angel Row History Forum November 2017

On Tuesday 14th november 2017 at Nottingham Central Library at 10:30am Richard Gaunt, Nottingham University, will explore events in Nottingham in 1817 ; a story of poverty and discontent, rebels , plots and spies. How close did Nottingham get to a revolution two hundred years ago?

Following tea/coffee from 10.00 the talk will start at 10.30

You can pre-register in person at the Local Studies Library, phone 0115 9152870 or by email to: [Local\\_studies.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Local_studies.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

An EXHIBITION of paintings of the events by local artists will be held in the Local Studies Library

A free GUIDED WALK , led by Roger Tanner, will visit sites in the city centre associated with the events of the Pentrich Revolution. Leaving Angel Row Library front doors at 1.30pm on Tuesday 14th November. ...[Read more.](#)

## Angel Row Forum Dates for 2018

- Tuesday 6th February 2018
- Tuesday 8th May 2018
- Tuesday 14th August 2018
- Tuesday 6th November 2018

Events for local history societies and other groups can be found on the website at <http://nlha.org.uk/events/>



## Family Museum Tour, University of Nottingham Museum

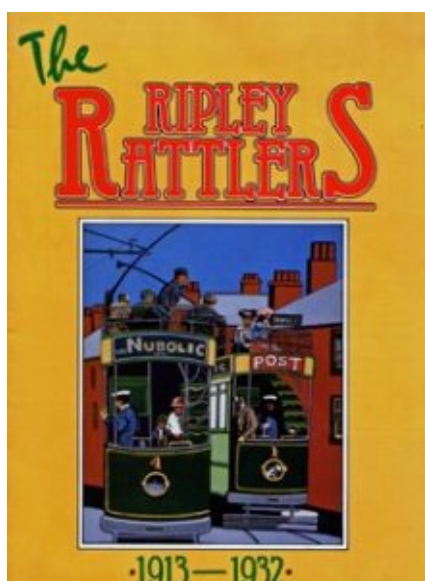
Tue 01 Aug 1-1.30pm at The University of Nottingham Museum. Join Creative Learning Officer Ellie as she invites children to choose their favourite objects from a mystery box before taking the group on a journey around the Museum to investigate artefacts related to their selection. At the end of the tour children will be able to participate in hands-on craft activities. FREE, ...

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## Members Evening, Wollaton H&CS

On Thursday 3rd August 2017 there will be a Members Evening at 7.00pm at Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum. Drinks and nibbles followed by a talk about the monuments in St Leonard's Church. For members only. If you are interested in becoming a member, it costs £5 a year to April 2018. No other charges for monthly meetings or guided walks....[Read more.](#)



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## Archives Tour, Nottinghamshire Archives

Tuesday 8th August 2017 10:30-11:30

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## Family Museum Tour, University of Nottingham Museum

Tue 08 Aug 1-1.30pm at The University of Nottingham Museum. Join Creative Learning Officer Ellie as she invites children to choose their favourite objects from a mystery box before taking the group on a journey around the Museum to investigate artefacts related to their selection. At the end of the tour children will be able to participate in hands-on craft activities. FREE, ...



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## Dinosaurs in Wonderland: Victorian artists and the depiction of extinct animals, Lakeside Arts

Tuesday 08 August 2017, 1pm - 2pm, in the Djanogly Theatre, Lakeside, University of Nottingham campus. Free admission. Advance booking essential. Part of a series of free hour-long talks with professional palaeontologists, connected to and inspired by the Dinosaurs of China: Ground Shakers to Feathered Flyers exhibition. In the nineteenth century, artists had to get to grips with extinct animals ...[Read more.](#)



# Walled Garden of Wollaton Park, Wollaton H&CS

On Wednesday 9th August 2017 at 7.00pm there will be a visit to the Walled Garden of Wollaton Park. Meet in car park off Wollaton Road, on the left through the entrance to Mr Mans car park (NOT in the Park). (1h.30m.) Rough ground, please wear suitable footwear. Bus route No 30 or The Two. ...

[Read more.](#)



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

The Dovecote Museum will be open on Sunday 13th August 2017 between 2.00-4.30pm. Main exhibition "How Wollaton Grew from Medieval Hamlet to 21st Century City Suburb". 2.00-4.30pm. This month's special theme "Annual Show" WI Craft & Produce Stall., bric-a-brac etc. Free admission. Refreshments available £1

towards museum funds. Guided walk 3.00pm.

[Read more.](#)

## Portable Antiquities Scheme, University of Nottingham Museum



Tuesday 15 August, 11:00am - 4:00pm at The University of Nottingham Museum The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) is a DCMS-funded project to encourage the voluntary recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. Every year many thousands of objects are discovered, many of these by metal-detector users, but also by people whilst out walking, ...

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## Members Evening, Nottinghamshire Family History Society

On Wednesday 16 August 2017 at the Nottinghamshire Archives, Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham NG2 1AG commencing 7.15 pm the society will hold a members evening. Members also may take advantage of sole use of the Search Room from 5pm. Free car parking on site. The Nottinghamshire Family History Society exists to bring together all who are interested in family history research ...

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## The Influenza Pandemic 1918-1919, Joan Knight, Beeston and District LHS

Beeston and District Local History Society host a presentation by Joan Knight on Wednesday 16th August 2017 at Chilwell Memorial Institute commencing at 7:30pm. The influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 killed more people than the Great War at somewhere between 20 and 40 million people. It has been cited as the most devastating epidemic in recorded world history. More people died of influenza in a single year than in four-years of the Black Death Bubonic Plague from 1347 to 1351. Known as "Spanish Flu" or "La Grippe" the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 was a global

disaster

...[Read more.](#)

# Family Museum Tour, University of Nottingham Museum



Tue 22 Aug 1-1.30pm at The University of Nottingham Museum.

Join Creative Learning Officer Ellie as she invites children to choose their favourite objects from a mystery box before taking the group on a journey around the Museum to investigate artefacts related to their selection. At the end of the tour children will be able to participate in hands-on craft activities.

**FREE**, but advance booking is essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Suitable for 5-11 years

**Please book via Box Office on 0115 846 7777**

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## Family Museum Tour, University of Nottingham Museum

Tue 29 Aug 1-1.30pm at The University of Nottingham Museum.

Join Creative Learning Officer Ellie as she invites children to choose their favourite objects from a mystery box before taking the group on a journey around the Museum to investigate artefacts related to their selection. At the end of the tour children will be able to participate in hands-on craft activities.

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## Nefarious Notts, People's Histreh, Nottinghamshire Archives

On Friday 1 September, 2.30 – 4.30pm at Nottinghamshire Archives People's Histreh - Nottingham Radical History Group - bring you a tale of food riots. One of these frequent clashes became known as Nottingham's

'Great Cheese Riot', when cheeses were rolled down Wheeler Gate, (allegedly) bowling over the mayor in the process.

[Read more.](#)



## D H Lawrence's Eastwood, David Amos, Keyworth and District LHS

On Friday 1st September 2017 in the Centenary Lounge, Keyworth Village Hall at 7:30pm David Amos will give a talk on D H Lawrence and Eastwood. Guests are welcome for a small charge. Refreshments and a bookstall are available after the speaker.

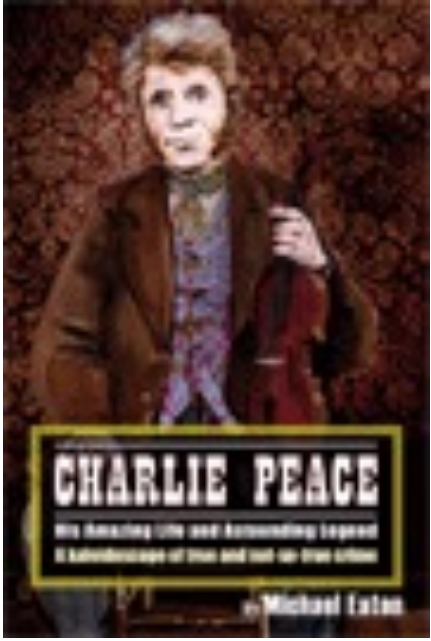
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## Heritage Open Day Event, Worksop Library

Heritage Open Day Event - Local and Family History Surgery, Thursday 7 September, 10am - 4pm at Worksop Library.

FREE - Just drop by

Looking for help with family or local history? Come along to this free drop-in event, where inspire Local studies staff will be on hand to answer questions and show you resources that could help with your research. ...[Read more.](#)



## Charlie Peace – His Amazing Life and Astounding Legend

Price: £14.99 available now from Five Leaves Bookshop

Charlie Peace – His Amazing Life and Astounding Legend charts the evolution of a Victorian master burglar and murderer from truth to myth. The book begins with the way his crimes were reported in The Illustrated Police News before examining the growth of the legend in Penny Dreadfuls and ballads, before this criminal was uniquely transformed into a folk hero in popular theatre, waxwork shows, early cinema, music hall song and even comics.

The book will appeal to anyone interested in True Crime, 19th century literature, theatre and film history and popular culture. It contains kaleidoscopic extracts from rare and neglected sources and is heavily illustrated throughout.

Michael Eaton is a Nottingham-born playwright and scriptwriter. He is best known for his television docudrama scripts, including Shipman, Why Lockerbie and Shoot to Kill, and for writing the feature film Fellow Traveller (1989), which won best screenplay in the British Film Awards. In recent years, he has become known for stage plays (including a play about Charlie Peace in 2013) and his radio dramas for the BBC...[Read more.](#)

Details of speakers can be found at <http://nlha.org.uk/useful-links/speakers/>



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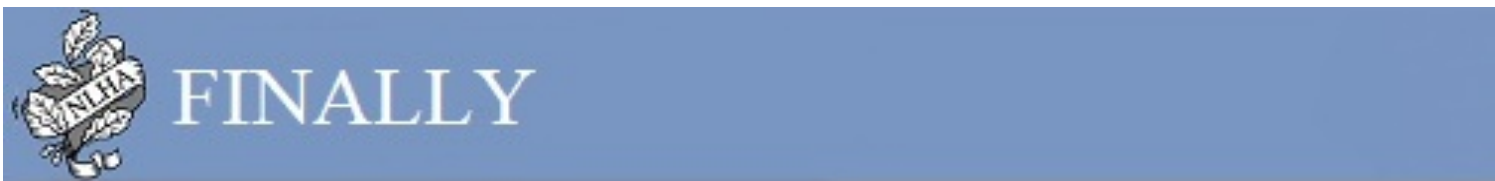
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## Important Dates for 2017/18

- **NLHA Angel Row History Forums:** Tuesday 8th August 2017, Tuesday 14th November 2017, Tuesday 6th February 2018, Tuesday 8th May 2018, Tuesday 14th August 2018, Tuesday 6th November 2018
- **NLHA Committee Meetings:** Tuesday 17 October 2017
- **NLHA Day Schools:** Saturday 21 October 2017
- **Thoroton Excursions:** Tuesday 12 September 2017
- **Thoroton Research Group:** Saturday 30 September 2017
- **Thoroton Lectures:** 10 October 2017, 14 October 2017, 11 November 2017, 09 December 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 then I need to have them by the last week-end of the previous month so **September news and events need to be with me by 28/29 August at the latest.**

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