

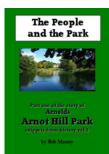
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## There's a new Robin Hood in the forest.

https://www.facebook.com/RHNotts/videos/22924017 24357450/

# The People and the Park





The new paperback book by **Bob Massey** commemorating The 100th anniversary of Arnot Hill Park Now Available £5.95 from 5 Leaves Bookshop Nottingham, the Bookcase Lowdham, Floralands Mapperley, & MSR News Arnold Volume 03 Issue 19 July 2019

# Wymeswold Airfield in the 1950s and 1960s

Although not strictly a Wolds Heritage Organisation publication, the WHO web site is hosting a remarkable new free PDF.

This is a detailed history of activities at Wymeswold



**RAF Wymeswold** 

airfield in the 1950s and 1960s which has been been prepared by Richard Knight, who grew up at the western end of the runways.

Most of the information is about the activities of the RAF and Fields Aircraft Services, although there is also lots of previously unseen photographs taken in the

winter of 1944 and during the build up to D-Day; and photographs taken during public open days.

In total there is about 40,000 words and almost 400 photographs. And this is available as a free PDF **www.hoap.co.uk/who/raf\_wymeswold.pdf** Note this is about 97 Mbytes so may be slow to download.

# Bombs to Butterflies: From Ruddington Depot to Rushcliffe Country Park

Edited by Margaret Lawson, the Research and Editorial team of Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society and The Friends of Ruddington Country Park in 2003

Can now be downloaded as a 125 page PDF from http://www.friends-of-rcp.co.uk/

With thanks to the Keyworth & District Local History society newsletter No: 102 Summer 2019

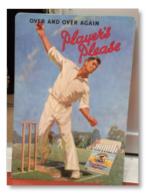
# John Player & Sons - friends of cricket?







2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Sunday League cricket, which for the first 18 years was sponsored by John Player & Sons.



We would like to celebrate this milestone by remembering the various links between one of Nottingham's biggest employers and the sport of cricket in general – and we'd like you to get involved:

- Did you play cricket for any of the John Player teams, or in any of the company's competitions?
- Did you play against Players, at their company sports ground on Aspley Lane?
- Did you watch any Nottinghamshire matches or benefit matches at "Players' Rec"?
- Have you got any John Player cigarette cards featuring famous cricketers?
- Did you go to any Sunday League matches at Trent Bridge during the 'John Player era'?

If you have any memories you'd like to share, or any photographs, scorecards or other memorabilia that we could see, we'd really like to hear from you!

Please email your name and phone numbers to **heritage@nottsccc.co.uk** and we'll contact you for more information.



Thank you for your interest, and your help!



Nottingham Local Studies Library 1st Floor Central Library, Angel Row, Nottingham



The Contribution of the British West Indian Regiment to the First World War Tuesday 6th August 2019, 10:00 to 12:00

A talk by **Panya Banjoko** who is Founder/Director of a Nottingham Archive and co-ordinates a writer's network. She is a poet and performer who was involved with the 2012 Olympic Games and with BBC TV documentaries. In 2008, Women in the Arts awarded Panya Outstanding Achievement in poetry and in 2016 C-Hub Magazine awarded her Best Performer.



'This Manor hath been the inheritance of lawyers' A History of Strelley Hall Tuesday 5th November 2019, 10:00 to 12:00

Excavating a lost mediaeval manor house at Strelley Hall Nottingham. James Wright FSA is an archaeologist, historian and author.

Tea/coffee from 10:00 the talk will start at 10:30. Forum meetings are FREE and normally take place four times each year. You can pre-register at the Local Studies Library phone 0115 9152870 email Local studies.library@nottinghamcity.gov.uk





The Local Studies Library has a significant collection of photographs of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire subjects. Many of the images are now available on the Picture Nottingham website. https://picturenottingham.co.uk



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

# AUTUMN DAY SCHOOL 2019 'HISTORIC AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT'



Historians agree that the development of transport modes has been identified with new sources of power and energy – coal for the steam age, for example, oil for the era of the internal combustion engine.

The major period of expansion in the UK's railways system occurred in the half-century between the 1840s and the 1890s. The majority of the railway network was established by the 1870s; the last mainline to London, the Great Central Railway from Sheffield via Nottingham, was opened in 1899.



Frequently neglected as a mode of transport, walking remained the commonest form of mobility throughout the last century. It was the most common form of getting to work and it remained the main means of commuting for one-third to one-fifth of the population in smaller towns and cities as late as the 1970s.

Cycling developed in the late nineteenth century, primarily as a leisure pursuit. Although initially pursued by the well-to-do, it was quickly taken up by the better-off working class.







Saturday 19th October 2019 10:00am - 4:00pm Ravenshead Village Hall, Ravenshead Nottinghamshire NG15 9BP



# SOCIETY EVENTS

## Book Launch "Poetry and Old Age" at Sherwood Library

We invite you to join us as local publishers Shoestring Press launch "*Poetry and Old Age*" selected poems of Stanley Middleton edited by Philip Davis. The book launch will be at 12.00 at Sherwood Library and will continue with a walk to Stanley's former home at 42, Caledon Road, Sherwood where a memorial plaque will be unveiled at 1pm.

1st August 2019 is the centenary of Nottingham novelist Stanley Middleton. Born in Bulwell, he lived in Sherwood from 1961 until his death in 2009. He published 45 novels, including the Booker Prize winning "*Holiday*" in 1974.

## The General Cemetery Walk, Nottingham Civic Society

#### Heritage Walks 2019

On Saturday 3rd August starting from just inside the main entrance on Canning Circus at 11am there will be a guided walk around the general Cemetery which will look at the history and the people buried there, some of whom are of national importance.

This walk is approximately 1 mile in length and will take approximately 2.5 hours at a steady pace. Sensible footware is recommended

The admission charge for this walk is £4 for adults, £3 concessions, £1 for Civic Society members.

All accompanied children FREE

For further details and accessibility contact Kurt Hatton 07736 431571 or Kevin Powell 07791 663507

## Display, Hucknall Heritage Society

On Saturday 3rd August 2019, 10:00am to 1:00pm, at Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall, you are invited to see the Hucknall Heritage Society display and contribute your memories for others to share.

Hucknall a town to be proud of

## The Breach House Open Days 2019

On Saturday August 3rd 2019, 11:00am – 3:00pm, at 28 Garden Road, Eastwood NG16 3FW come and explore one of DH Lawrence's childhood homes, now an authentic re-creation of a typical miner's dwelling. Lawrence lived here between 1887 and 1891, and used it as a setting for the early part of his novel, Sons and Lovers. All welcome (free event). The house may be viewed by appointment Contact Ruth Hall 07875121936

### The Story of Cricket featuring the Framework Knitters of Ruddington, Peter Wynne-Thomas, The Friends of Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum

On Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 2:30pm in the Old Chapel, Chapel Street, Ruddington, The Friends of Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum present a talk given by Peter Wynne-Thomas, Archivist and Vice President of Notts CCC. Tickets: £5 from the Museum or Tel: 0115 9845375

### Fothergill Walk, Nottingham Civic Society

#### Heritage Walks 2019

On Wednesday 7th August starting from the steps in front of the Council House at 6:30pm there will be a guided walk which will look in detail at Fothergill's buildings in the centre of the city.

This walk is approximately 1 mile in length and will take approximately 2.5 hours at a steady pace.

The admission charge for this walk is £4 for adults, £3 concessions, £1 for Civic Society members.

All accompanied children FREE

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# Old Basford Walk, Nottingham Civic Society

#### Heritage Walks 2019

On Saturday 10th August starting from St. Leodegarius Church (Church Street, Old Basford) at 11am there will be a guided walk around one of Nottingham's suburbs that was once a separate village with an interesting past.

This walk is approximately 1 mile in length and will take approximately 2.5 hours at a steady pace.

The admission charge for this walk is £4 for adults, £3 concessions, £1 for Civic Society members.

All accompanied children FREE

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## Visit to Wollaton Dovecote and Museum, Beeston & District LHS

On Wednesday July 17th 2019 there will be visit to Wollaton Dovecote and Museum

### Art Day at the Tower, Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust

On Saturday 10th August 2019, 10:30am – 4:30pm, at Bramcote Old Church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote. Painting and drawing workshop with Peter Hillier. Cost £10.00. Contact Peter (9252104) for information

### Dovecote Museum Open Day, Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society

On Sunday 11th August 2019, 2:00-4:30, Wollaton Village Dovecote Museum will be open. Traditional WI Market, produce stall, jam, cakes, crafts, books etc. Admission FREE. Guided walk at 3.00pm around Wollaton village and church

### Family Fun Activity Event, Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust

On Wednesday 14th August, 12:00-3:00pm, at Bramcote Old Church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote. Bring a picnic. Free entry.

### The Windrush Generation and the Impact on Nottingham, Catherine Ross, Lenton Local History Society

On Wednesday 14th August 2019, at Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre housed in the old Dunkirk School building on Montpellier Road, commencing at 7:30pm Catherine Ross will talk about the Windrush generation and their impact on Nottingham. The cost of entry is £3 per person and anyone is welcome to attend.

# Bramcote History Group

invite you to A LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

Come and see what local organisations are doing --- and what they have on offer at their meetings this autumn. Enjoy chat and free tea and cake, courtesy of BRAMCOTE HISTORY GROUP.

Join us on MONDAY AUGUST 19TH, 2-5pm At Bramcote Church Centre, Church Street, Bramcote NG9 3HD

## Guided Walk: Walled Garden of Wollaton Park, Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society

On Tuesday 20th August 2019 there will be a guided walk "Walled Garden of Wollaton Park". Meet 7.00pm in Communities car park on left through Mr Mans entrance (not in Wollaton Park). (1½ hours).

## Members' Evening, Nottinghamshire Family History Society

On Wednesday 21st August 2019 at Nottinghamshire Archives commencing at 7.00 p.m there will be short presentations relating to family history research and heirlooms by members and friends Members have exclusive use of the Archives search room from 5.00 p.m. Non-members also welcome (no charge).

## Romanticism: Caricature and Politics, Dr Richard Gaunt, Lakeside Arts

On Tuesday 20th August 2019 at in the Djanogly Theatre at 1pm Dr Richard Gaunt, Associate Professor in the Department of History, considers the rough, boisterous sensibilities which caricaturists brought to their craft. The years 1780-1840 are sometimes regarded as the 'golden age of caricature'.

This is one of a series of FREE talks to accompany the exhibition Romantic Facts and Fantasies: Culture and Heritage of the Romantic Age, c. 1780-1840 which runs in the Weston Gallery from Friday 10 May to Sunday 25 August; open Tuesday-Friday, 11am-4pm Saturday and Sunday, 12noon-4pm; closed on Mondays

## Family Fun Event, Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust



On Wednesday 21st August, 12:00-3:00pm, at Bramcote Old Church Tower, Moss Drive, Bramcote. Bring a picnic. Free entry.

## Nottingham Victoria Station, Janine Tanner, Beeston & District LHS

On Wednesday August 21st 2019 at 7.30pm, at The Chilwell Memorial Institute, 129 High Road, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 4AT Janine Tanner will speak about Nottingham Victoria Station

Full details of all events are available on our website at https://nlha.org.uk/events/

## Church (Rock) Cemetery Walk, Nottingham Civic Society

#### Heritage Walks 2019

On Wednesday 28th August starting from inside the cemetery gates on Mansfield Road at 11am there will be a guided walk around the Rock Cemetery which will look at the people who are buried there and how this quirky cemetery was created.

This walk is approximately 1 mile in length and will take approximately 2.5 hours at a steady pace. Sensible footware is recommended.

The admission charge for this walk is £4 for adults, £3 concessions, £1 for Civic Society members.

All accompanied children FREE

For further details and accessibility contact Kurt Hatton 07736 431571 or Kevin Powell 07791 663507

## Georgian Nottingham Walk, Nottingham Civic Society

#### Heritage Walks 2019

On Wednesday 28th August starting from outside The Bell Inn on Angel Row at 6:30pm there will be a guided walk concentrating on a period of time that has become much loved for its architecture, this walk looks at our Georgian properties that often get overlooked.

This walk is approximately 1 mile in length and will take approximately 2.5 hours at a steady pace. The admission charge for this walk is £4 for adults, £3 concessions, £1 for Civic Society members.

All accompanied children FREE

For further details and accessibility contact Kurt Hatton 07736 431571 or Kevin Powell 07791 663507

### Heritage Tour, St Anns Allotments

On Wednesday 28th August 2019 starting at the Visitor Centre at 1.30pm, please arrive 5-10 minutes early, there will be a guided tour covering 700 years of history on the gardens. Includes a visit to our Heritage Display Garden. There are some hills and uneven surfaces, so good walking shoes/boots are recommended!

All tours last roughly 90 mins.

There is a donation request of £5 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Booking is essential via **inio@staa-allotments.org.uk** or 0115 9602282 (Please leave a contact phone number and email address)

Groups of 15 or less are welcome to book onto one of these 'open tours' – Groups of more than 15 need to enquire about booking a private tour.

All our tours are run by volunteers and donations go towards helping run these tours





# **SPEAKERS**

More speaker information is available on the NLHA website at **https://nlha.org.uk/speakers-local-societies/** Please contact speakers directly.



#### STEVE WRIGHT email: **steve1001@virginmedia.com**

#### telephone: 01159313592

Talks include: - The Rise & Fall of Colwick Locomotive Depot - Looking at Nottinghamshire Churches - Mining Memories - A Tour of Gedling, Carlton and Netherfield - Garden talks - European tours.



### EDWARD HAMMOND email: edwardhammond@live.co.uk

#### telephone: 07852957022

Talks include – Hannibal Barca: Rome's Greatest Adversary - The Napoleonic Wars at Home? - Napoleon's British Obsession: The Invasion of the 'Nation of Shopkeepers - In the Service of the Emperor: The Life and Experiences of a Napoleonic Soldier



#### DAVE MOONEY email: dave.j.mooney@gmail.com telephone: 07961077630

Talks include: - Folklore and Custom in the East Midlands - The History of Busking and Street Performance - Folklore and Custom in the East Midlands (talks involve elements of live music and performance)



#### DANNY WELLS email: danny.wells@history-talks.co.uk telephone: 01335350536

### website: www.history-talks.co.uk

Talks include: - Art of the Garden - The English and Gardening - Joseph Paxton - Art of the Christmas Card - The Victorians and the Christmas Season



#### BRIAN BINNS email: bnbinns@gmail.com

Talks include: - The Campion Story: from Stocking Frame to Bicycle Frame - My Entrepreneurial Grandfather: John William Tomlinson - Snippets of Victorian Nottingham as seen through the varied life of the speaker's ancestor, Levi Lee.



### BOB MASSEY email: **bob.m.massey@gmail.com** telephone: 01159263626 website: **WWW.bobmassey.inio/415325374**

Talks include - Gone but not forgotten: some of the Lost buildings of Nottinghamshire on film and pictures - Goose Fair on Film: part 1 in the square; The story, Historic film and pictures of Nottingham's own fair from its origins - Goose Fair on Film: part 2 on the forest; The story, Historic film and pictures of Nottingham's own fair after its move to the forest - Muriel and Bert: Jessie Chambers, her history as D H Lawrence's first girlfriend, Swinhouse farm and their relationship - Pints and Pubs: The history of beer and beer houses through

out the ages - W H Higginbottom Architect: The unknown designer of many Nottinghamshire's and the countries public as well as private buildings



#### ROWENA EDLIN-WHITE email: **ro@edlin-white.net**

telephone: 0115 9873135 Talks include - "No Surrender!" Women's suffrage in Nottinghamshire and talks based on her recent book "Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers".

DAVID TEMPLEMAN

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telephone: 01246 415497

David specialises in the study of Elizabethan history with local connotations. Talks include - Mary Queen of Scots - Lady Arabella Stuart - The Great Sheffield Deer Park



#### MICHAEL KIRKBY email: mpkirkby@hotmail.co.uk

telephone: 07454015966 Talks include: - The stories of Nottingham regiments during the Napoleonic and Zulu wars



PETER HAMMOND email: historyworkshops@aol.com telephone: 01159145520 website: www.handsonourhistory.co.uk

Talks include- 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: Notting-

hamshire'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 - Can you name the object? - 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 - The Origins of Everyday Sayings - Victorian shopping in Nottingham - William Booth's early years in Nottingham - A historical tour of Whitby - A historical tour of Llandudno



#### RUTH IMASON DA SILVA email: ruth@letstalkhistory.co.uk website: www.letstalkhistory.co.uk

Talks include: - "Tired of living to kill." An alternative view of the life of WWI flying ace, Captain Albert Ball. - "It is for these haunts of peace that men go into the jaws of hell." This talk focuses on the life, poems and death of Sergeant Will Streets - "Not unhappy". The life of Gertrude Savile of Rufford tells the tale of scandals in a Georgian family.



### MARK DAWSON email: mdfoodhistory@gmail.com website: www.mdfoodhistory.weebly.com

Talks include - Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire - Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Nottinghamshire - Oatcakes: farming and diet in North Derbyshire - What's up with ewe? A thousand years of English sheep's milk cheese



#### MO COOPER email: **mocooper@yahoo.co.uk**

telephone: 07950472022 Talks include - The Clergyman, The Widow and the Milkman' (An exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords) - The History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham -Women's History



### STEPHEN FLINDERS email: **stephenflinders@sky.com**

### telephone: 0115854 8373 or 07547555322

Talks include - Terror from the Skies - January 1916 the night the Zeppelins came - Catherine Crompton's Diary - The Life and Travels of Robert Bruce Napoleon Walker - A Family History Presentation along the lines of 'Who Do You Think You Are? - Stanton: Gone but not Forgotten - The History Beneath Our Feet - A Taste of Tudor Ilkeston - Stanton on Film -Stanton at War 1939-1945 - Owd Ilson



#### ROBERT MEE

#### email: RobertMMee@btinternet.com

#### telephone: 01159327495

Talks include - Nottinghamshire Castles - A Derbyshire Railway Outing: A railway tour using a 1920s timetable - Aldercar and Langley Mill - 1000 Years in 60 Minutes - Derbyshire Associations for the Prosecution of Felons, 1703-2014 - Policing in 19th-Century Derbyshire - Bradshaw's, and an Early Railway Tour: the famous railway timetable, and a mystery tour! -

Derbyshire's Castles - Vic Hallam - One Man and his Company: from the 1920s to the 1990s - Crime in Langley Mill 1891 to 1930 - Morlestan - South East Derbyshire before the Norman Conquest - A History of Smalley: from medieval times to modern open-casting - Wheels of Industry - Langley Mill - History along the Erewash Valley Trail - A Potted History of Heanor: the name says it all really - Heanor Grammar School: Its history from beginning to end! - Mine's a Pint: Public Houses in the Heanor Area



### CHRIS WEIR email: heritagetalks@outlook.com telephone: 07922496682 website: WWW.heritagetalks.homestead.com

Talks include - Lace, Slums and The Occasional Riot: The Making of Victorian Nottingham -The Story of Boots: Jesse Boot, Florence and the history of the Boots Company - A Woman's Lot: Women's History in Nottinghamshire, 1550-1950s - The People's War World War 2 in Nottinghamshire - When The Bands Played On! - Kill or Cure! Bygone Medicine - The Not-

tinghamshire Heritage - Rambling Into History - Secrets, Mysteries and Curiosities of Nottinghamshire - Mud, Munitions and Memorials: Nottinghamshire and World War One



### MIKE HIGGINBOTTOM email: **mike@mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk** telephone: 0114-242-0951 mobile: 07946-650672 website: **http://www.mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk/?page\_id=50**

Talks include - English country houses: not quite what they seem – Victorian Cemeteries – NottinghamTemples of Sanitation – All the World's a Stage: the development of theatre buildings - Dream Palaces: an introduction to cinema architecture



#### JAMES WRIGHT email: jpwarchaeology@hotmail.co.uk

telephone: 07925840920 Talks include - Rock of Ages, Medieval Stone Masons - Tattershall Castle - William Shakespeare Henry V and the Manipulation of History - Historic Graffiti - Castles of Nottinghamshire - Ritual Protection Marks at Knowle, Kent



### ADRIAN GRAY

### email: adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk

telephone: 07470366689 Talks include - Why did they all come from here?: The Mayflower Pilgrims - Religious Liberty: A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs - Thomas Helwys: The Price of Freedom -The 'Black Prince' of Scunthorpe The Wrays of Glentworth: Radical Religion - Richard Bernard of Worksop: Puritan radical - Nottinghamshire's Christian Heritage.



### TRENT AND PEAK email: **garethdavies@yorkat.co.uk**

telephone: 0115 8967402

Talks include - The Archaeology of the Tram - We Dig the Castle - Lenton Priory and the archaeology of Nottingham Castle - Excavations and fieldwork at Newark, Southwell, Toton, St

Ann's Allotments, Attenborough, Darley Abbey, Chester Green (the site of a Roman fort) and many other sites in the area - Overviews of Nottinghamshire's archaeology - Introductions to the practice of archaeology.

Speakers include Dr Gareth Davies (Head of Operations at Trent & Peak and Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Nottingham), Laura Binns (Trent & Peak's Community Archaeologist) and Dr David Knight (Head of Research). Evening and daytime talks



# FINALLY

# Important Dates for 2019

NLHA Angel Row History Forums: Tuesday 6th August 2019, Tuesday 5th November 2019 NLHA Day Schools: Saturday 19th October 2019 at Ravenshead

# 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** 

You can still access the news and events on our webpage at: **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.

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