



Centenary of the Royal Tour of Australia.

100 years ago, on 26th May 1920, the British warship HMS Renown entered Port Melbourne, Australia, carrying The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, on a world tour that had commenced at Portsmouth a month earlier. This was the second of what would be sixteen world tours, the first having taken in the United States and the West Indies the year before. King George V had promised to visit Australia 'when peace comes.' The Prince of Wales was sent instead, and he was to visit 110 cities and towns in Australia, traveling there in style on board HMS Renown, which had been refitted from a battlecruiser to a royal yacht.



The Sphere published a series of pictures entitled 'The Prince's Life at Sea – Scenes on Board the HMS Renown.' This particular set dated 10 April 1920 featured views of the ship's dining room and portraits of the Renown's Captain E. A. Taylor and of Paymaster Lieut. Commander A. C. A. Janion who had been appointed to the staff of the Prince of Wales during his Australian tour.

The Prince visited Barbados, the Panama Canal, Honolulu and Fiji on his way to Australia and New Zealand.

On the 25 April 1920, Anzac Day, the Prince 'attended two very impressive memorial services in honour of the New Zealand dead.' After New Zealand, the Prince went on to Australia. *The Sphere* reported on his procession through Melbourne, where the entire eight miles were 'lined by cheering crowds.'

Everyone everywhere seemed to agree the Prince's tour had been a resounding success. The Prince, himself reflecting on the tour, called it a 'profoundly moving and inspiring experience.' Apparently, he was 'most deeply touched by the unity and the strength of sentiment which binds all parts of His Majesty's Dominions to the Throne.'



News



The Creation of a Civic University

The Cust Foundation Lecture 2020

Wednesday 24 June



CUST2020

The University of Nottingham advises that due to Covid-19 the UK university campuses will be unlikely to re-open until late summer, so all scheduled events are cancelled or postponed.

As CUST2020 is a special event to celebrate Professor John Beckett's career and mark his retirement, it is hoped that it can be re-scheduled for this autumn. A new date and details for the event will be communicated in due course.

V.E. Day Commemorations in Keyworth



Postcards of the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day commemorations in Keyworth have been published by Brian Lund to raise money for Keyworth Community Project which, if you were not aware, helps vulnerable people (with collection and delivery of shopping, prescriptions, food parcels) during the current situation.

The cards feature photographs taken by members of Keyworth Camera Club; cost 50p each or £4.00 for a pack of 10 (five of each design). A further set has been produced. Collect them or send to

friends and relatives during lockdown.

Available from Storeys Hardware in the Square, or direct from Brian Lund: phone 07445 814407
email brian.lund.keyworth@gmail.com,

Online Webinars from The University of Nottingham



The School of Education at the University of Nottingham has organised, through its Adult Education Online Programme, thirty-four special online discussion classes in response to the needs of the

communities of Nottingham and the East Midlands. At a time when we are isolated by the coronavirus epidemic, the sessions provide an opportunity to discuss and learn about important topics.

The topics are of two kinds. Some are related to the coronavirus epidemic and the issues it raises. Others are of much more general interest. However, we hope all will provide an opportunity for intelligent and informed discussion of important matters.

Each session will last for one hour. After a very brief introduction by a session chair, the session tutor will give a presentation on the topic; this will last about ten minutes. Following this, there will be a discussion facilitated by the chair.

Registration is open to all adults. There is no fee. However, to facilitate free discussion, the number who can register for any session will be limited, and each discussion will be chaired by an expert adult educator from the University's School of Education. You must register separately for each session you wish to attend.

The sessions will take place using Zoom. Those who register will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting by email. Zoom is easy to use and you can view a brief guide to joining a Zoom meeting.

These events are open for registration

Tuesday 2 June - 5pm, **Faith Online: Religion and the Pandemic**

Wednesday 3 June - 3.30pm (waiting list only), **Viking Invasions and Settlement in the East Midlands - People and Places**

Thursday 4 June - 7pm, **Making Sense of Religion and Pop Culture**

Tuesday 9 June - 5pm, **Bees and Humans - Surviving Together in a Crisis**

Wednesday 10 June - 3.30pm, **Developing my Family Tree**

Thursday 11 June - 7pm, **The Crisis of Democratic Governance - What we can Learn from managing the Pandemic**

You can view the full programme of events and book a place at:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/events/>

The programme is subject to amendment or cancellation if the coronavirus emergency rules change.

Registrations for future events will open the week before the event takes place.



County Libraries

A Message from Nottinghamshire County Council about Libraries: Working to reopen libraries and archives in Notts

Working with our partners at Inspire, we are planning how to get library services back up and running in a safe and socially distanced way.

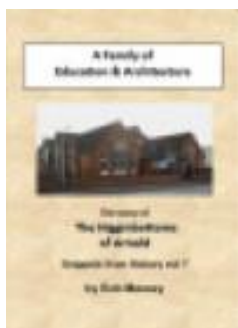
We closed our sites on 20 March due to the coronavirus restrictions and we know that these services have been missed by communities across the county. Inspire, normally welcome over 50,000 library visitors and deliver over 200 courses and events each week.

Planning is underway as access to library and archive premises will be part of the third step in the Government's national recovery plan which means some libraries may start to reopen from **6 July**. Inspire staff will return to library premises in the coming weeks to make the necessary preparations and the priority will be staff and customer safety.

We will have to operate in a different way with a reduced service, limited capacity in buildings, additional cleaning measures and guidelines in place for social distancing.

We will issue more details about which libraries will be open, opening times and range of services in the coming weeks. The digital offer INSPIRE ONLINE will also continue to enable customers to enjoy culture, learning and libraries from home - you can access it at <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/online/>

A Family of Education and Architecture: The Story of the Higginbottom Family of Arnold.



Bob Massey has just completed his next book Snippets from History Vol 7: *A Family of Education and Architecture* which is the story of the Higginbottom family of Arnold. During the latter half of the 19th century and early part of the 20th one half of the family were very influential in education locally and nationally; the other half were architects designing a lot of churches, schools, libraries, shops, and public and private buildings including war memorials all over the country. This is the story of the family and their influence set in the context of the times they inhabited.

The book is due for release in June and costs £5.95p It is available directly from Bob via bob.m.massey@gmail.com and NG Magazines Arnold, 5 Leaves Bookshop Nottingham, Floralsands Mapperley, The Bookcase Lowdham and MSR News Arnold.

‘Down the Marshes’ by Chris Weir

<https://youtube.be/vPAico9AhlG>



Chris Weir has created a YouTube short film called *Down The Marshes*, most of which was completed just before Covid with Nick Clark and finished recently. Chris wanted to record something of the changes down at Broad Marsh and at the same time tell something of the history of Broad and Narrow Marsh. It has always been a fascinating part of the City and it seems to have become very topical at present.

You can view this at <https://youtube.be/vPAico9AhlG>

The National Archives Online

Quarantine and social distancing during Tudor epidemics, Fri 5 June

Find out about state reactions to the epidemic outbreak during the medieval and early modern period. Learn about Henry VIII's attitudes to infectious disease, Tudor social distancing, and the introduction of the first government quarantine measures in 1517.

Caribbean Connections, Fri 9 June

Since the settling of the British Caribbean in the 17th century, people have returned or emigrated to Britain. However, up until the 19th century, it is difficult to know how many Caribbean people lived in the UK. This illustrative talk is an introduction into the history and primary sources for researching Caribbean migration and migrants to the UK.

Discover all National Archives online events at:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/events/>

Free access to digital records

The National Archives are now providing free access to their digital records available on their website for as long as they remain closed to visitors. Registered users can now order and download up to 10 items at a time, up to a maximum of 50 items over a rolling 30-day period. More information at:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

If you have not used these collections before, have a look at the research guides for useful hints and tips to get started



Nottingham Industrial Museum



Nottingham Industrial Museum, the hidden treasure in the courtyards of Wollaton Hall and Deer Park have not let the Covid 19 Emergency get them down as their dedicated team of Volunteers continue to roll out the accolades.

Earlier in 2020, when travel was still possible, a team from the World History Project travelled to the UK to collect material for a series of videos that form part of the curriculum in approximately 8000 schools this year, mostly in the US but also many other parts of the world.

The films covered a range of large topics – Britain and the First World War, Origins of the Industrial Revolution, the Macartney Expedition to the Qianlong Emperor to name a few.

To the delight of the Researchers, Presenters and Production Team some of the most significant and affecting of the videos features the story of the life of 'Nailers' in Victorian times. The story adapted and portrayed by NIM volunteer Avi Benn (aka Mrs. Mary Ann Bird in her Victorian Kitchen exhibit) has been quoted by Researcher, Professor Trevor Getz from University of San Francisco State as 'giving an extraordinarily well-designed, pedagogically intentional, and compelling history'.

This was further acknowledged as the Museum were named as Finalists in both the 'Volunteer of the Year' and 'Small Charity – Big Impact' categories of the East Midlands Charity Awards, on the same day! A fitting response to their hard work and dedication.

Dr Getz said 'We will forever remain grateful to the Volunteers at Nottingham Industrial Museum for providing us with such incredible resources and contributions of knowledge for our World History Project. The dedication and professionalism of the NIM Volunteers shone through and it was indeed a humbling experience to share in their work'.

Toni Thorncraft-Smith, NIM Operations and Fundraising Lead said 'As our Museum strive to share at all levels and with all people NIM remain both grateful and thankful to The World History Project for this incredible opportunity, for all that they have contributed to the future life of NIM and for helping History come even more alive, creating memories that we will take with us in all walks of our lives. We look forward to sharing the films when the Museum is able to reopen Post Covid 19.'

Meanwhile, previews of the films can be viewed at whp.oerproject.com at and Nottingham Industrial Museum will re-open to the Public 11-4 on weekends, Spring and Summer Bank Holidays, with midweek Group and School Visits welcome, post Covid 19. www.nottinghamindustrialmuseum.org.uk

Want to join us? Volunteering enquiries are always welcome.





Society Events

Nottinghamshire County Council have announced plans to restart library services and there are signs of other tentative moves to ease lockdown restrictions for shops and business premises but realistically I think that the sort of local society meetings that we are all familiar with are going to be low on the list of priorities. The best that we can hope for is some sort of resumption in late summer or early autumn and we may still have to maintain some sort of social distancing. Hopefully, I will be able to resume publishing society events soon.



Facebook

The NLHA Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/NottsLocalHistory> and is open to anyone with an interest in local history. Comments, updates, news, events, items of interest, book reviews etc. are all welcome provided that they relate to Nottinghamshire local history (or topics that would be of interest to Nottinghamshire local historians) subject only to the normal standards regarding courtesy and etiquette.

The latest post, one of Adrian Gray's tours of lost landscapes THE LANDSCAPE OF A 'LOST' PARK: HEADON, has already reached 3560 people. Headon Park is one of the 'lost' landscapes of north Nottinghamshire but actually it is not that 'lost' if you are prepared to use a bit of time and imagination. It has its origins in a Tudor deer park, that is actually best seen from the road between Upton and Gamston Woods



Grants

Even though local society events are effectively shut down there is still the opportunity to conduct individual research and the NLHA grants programme continues to offer support particularly for publishing. For more information see our webpage at nlha.org.uk/grants/



Web Pages

In the absence of society meetings please remember that Nottinghamshire Local History Association's web page nlha.org.uk is still active and contains details of local history society contacts, speakers' contacts, book reviews, news items and much more.



Speakers

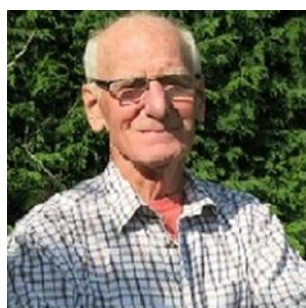


DAVE MOONEY

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Talks include: Folklore and Custom in the East Midlands - The History of Busking and Street Performance - Animal Songs (a look at the history of various traditional animal songs from around the British Isles) - talks involve elements of live music and performance



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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.



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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.



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Talks include: Mary Queen of Scots, Lady Arabella Stuart, The Great Sheffield Deer Park

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Talks include: The Champion 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.



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



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Talks include: The archaeology project at Moor Pond Woods, Papplewick – A thread in the web of time'; Evidence for the operation of 18th century cotton mills in the Leen Valley of Nottinghamshire – 'A London Boy at Mr Robinson's mills' ; The workers at a 18th century cotton mill – The history and heritage of Gedling Borough – 'A century of change in Bulwell, 1780-1880' ; The early urbanisation of one of Nottingham's suburbs.

	<p>PETER HAMMOND email: historyworkshops@aol.com telephone: 0115 9145520 website: www.handsonourhistory.co.uk</p> <p>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: 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 - 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.</p>
	<p>MICHAEL KIRKBY email: mpkirkby@hotmail.co.uk telephone: 07454015966</p> <p>Talks include: The stories of Nottingham regiments during the Napoleonic and Zulu wars.</p>
	<p>HELEN BATES email: helenlouisebates@aol.co.uk telephone: 07854466183</p> <p>Talks include: The Wildman family of Newstead Abbey, the links between the Nottinghamshire textile industries and the Derwent Valley Mills, the impact of the 1745 Jacobite Uprising on the East Midlands, Nottinghamshire's Legacies of Slavery, plus many more.</p>
	<p>MO COOPER email: mocooper@yahoo.co.uk telephone: 07950472022</p> <p>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</p>



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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.



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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.



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JAMES WRIGHT

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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.



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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 - Morleston - 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.



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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.



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



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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.

Our 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).



SAM MILLARD

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Sam does talks to history groups and is looking to raise awareness of these talks to a wider audience.

There are currently has two subjects: **A History Mystery** and **The Rufford park Poachers** and does a walking tour of Newark.



COLIN MOSS

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Talks include: – A History of the East Midlands Knitting Industry.



Finally

Important Dates for 2020

NLHA Angel Row History Forums: CANCELLED
NLHA Day Schools: Saturday 31st October 2020 at Ravenshead (hopefully)
NLHA AGM: To be rescheduled

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: newsletter@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 then I need to have them by the last weekend of the previous month.

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