



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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Gedling Biodiversity Opportunities Map (BOM) & Historic Land Use / Features



Nottinghamshire County Council is currently extending its project to map the biodiversity opportunities across Nottinghamshire into the district of Gedling.

There are four categories of environmental habitat;

Grassland, heathland, wetland and woodland.

Whilst the focus is to identify connectivity links between existing / surviving habitats to create "wildlife corridors", it also represents an opportunity to suggest the re-establishment of traditional land use or management techniques and vegetation or fauna which are sympathetic to the history of a site.

The biodiversity team is running a series of on-line workshops in which the key proposals are discussed and you or one of your colleagues may wish to attend and contribute.

The sorts of things mentioned which potentially link the past with current biodiversity opportunity planning in Gedling include:

- examples of ridge and furrow grassland
- historic evidence for areas of lost woodland and heath land, such as along the hill ridges
- place-names as indicators of vegetation, fauna and land use or change
- evidence of Sherwood Forest as a managed landscape
- lost watercourses and wetlands, including field and mill ponds
- churchyards as biodiversity hot-spots
- geology and mineral extraction and industrial sites

There are possibly other areas where your knowledge of the past might help influence biodiversity in the Gedling of the future.

If you are aware of anyone else, or other organisations which might be interested in contributing, please forward this message on to them. Alternatively, please give the project leader Chris Jackson a call or drop him a line. His contact details are

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The Thoroton Society



Following announcements by Government that restrictions on meetings and gatherings will continue into the New Year, Officers of the

Thoroton Society have taken the decision that the first three lectures in our programme for 2021 will now be delivered via electronic media. This will mean some changes to the provisional programme published in the recent newsletter as not all presentations are suitable for delivery in this way. We recognise that this does disadvantage a small number of members that do not have access to a suitable computer, but we hope that you will all accept that it is better to deliver to as many members as possible, rather than deliver to no members at all.

The first lecture to be delivered in this way will be



Prof. John Beckett

our recently retired Chairman, Professor John Beckett, and his presentation '*The Antiquities, Archaeology & History of Nottinghamshire, 1897-2022*'.

The date will be Saturday 9

January 2021 at the usual time of 2:30 pm.

The lecture will be delivered using Zoom, places at the lecture are limited by the functionality of the software and we have therefore instigated a free booking system using the Eventbrite facility.

For more information please contact:

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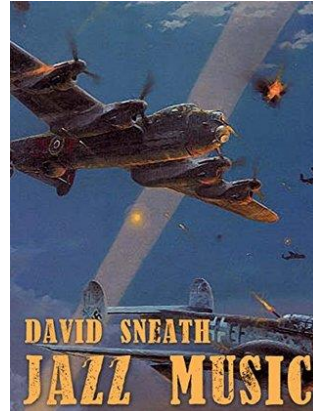
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Jazz Music



In 2015 David Sneath published a novel on Amazon about a bomber aircrew called Jazz Music for reasons which become apparent in the narrative.

The action occurs over a 24-hour period in the lives of the seven crew

members of a Lancaster bomber based at RAF Syerston. Each member comes either from Nottingham or the County. The pilot is the son of a solicitor living in The Park, the Flight Engineer the son of a Sutton garage owner, the bomb aimer is a Bilsthorpe coal miner and so on. As they prepare for an op to bomb Dortmund they reflect on short lives lived so far. I also give them post war stories. Essentially I have woven research into various aspects of Nottinghamshire life into a story designed to give the reader some idea of what it might have been like to fly an 'ordinary' operation.

Available from Amazon at:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Jazz-Music-David-Sneath/dp/1507787863>

Chris Weir on Notts TV



Chris Weir

The programme first appeared on 7 November but is available on the Notts TV website

<https://nottstv.com>. Search for 'NG30'

Chris was talking about how he became an archivist and some of the work he's been involved with.

Gedling Heritage Brought Alive Project

<https://gedlingheritage.co.uk/about-the-project/>

Gedling Borough is not just another corner of England, it possesses a wealth of world-class heritage and takes the visitor from city suburbs into the iconic English countryside. Gedling Borough has previously been little known outside of its own community, but this website will bring it out of obscurity and into the limelight; we have a great story to tell.

It has been announced that the Gedling Heritage Brought Alive Project has won the Community Project section of the Pride in Gedling awards. Bob Massey, Lance Juby, Denis Hill, Keith Stone, Stephen Walker and Terry Lock made up the steering group for this. Congratulations to them all.



English Local History Seminar Series



At 2:15pm on Thursday 21st January 2021 Dr Xuesheng You will give a presentation entitled 'Women's labour force participation in nineteenth-century England and Wales

Xuesheng You joined the Economics Department of the University of Swanses in November 2019. He received a PhD in Economic History from the University of Cambridge as a Gates Scholar. Prior to that, he received an MPhil in Economics (research) from the University of Cambridge, and a Bachelor of Economic Science from the University of Manchester.

His main research interests lie in the field of gender, family, labour, transport and urbanization in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain. His research uses c.160 million individual census records and locations of all historical transport modes in Britain

Seminars begin on Thursdays at 2.15pm unless otherwise arranged. Normal practice is for a talk of 45-50 minutes chaired by a member of Centre staff, followed by questions from the audience.

These sessions are delivered on-line via Blackboard Collaborate. PLEASE NOTE that Google Chrome is the recommended browser for viewing these seminars. You do not need to download any special software simply click on the link below which acts as an entry key into the virtual seminar room. Sessions will open 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the presentation. Please ensure that your video and microphones are off during the presentation. There will be opportunities to ask questions directly afterwards.

<https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/738720694a494219899ab78ca68c631a>

The Centre for English Local History at the University of Leicester

FONA



There are now a series of 8 short talks available on the Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives YouTube group

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVXJ1DlsCNOrTxJCfHViyNQ>

- 3rd Duchess of Rutland and Lexington Memorial Kelham
- The Abyssinian Jeremy Diddler
- Brother to Brother
- Three Women and a Workhouse Scandal Part 1.
- Nottingham's Medieval Riots - the what, the who but not too much about the why.
- Murder or Manslaughter.
- NEW. Three Women and a Workhouse Scandal Part 2.
- NEW. Three Women and a Workhouse Scandal Part 3.

You can access these by visiting the FONA website <https://fona.org.uk/> and clicking on the red YouTube logo on the right.

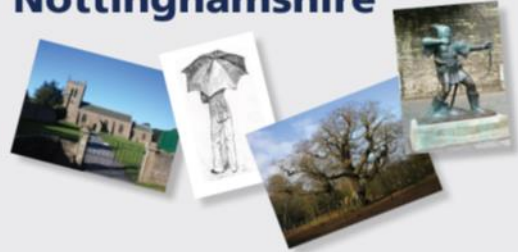
The December issue of the FONA newsletter is available to download at:

<https://fona.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/FONA-Newsletter-25.pdf>



Forthcoming Event

Secrets, Mysteries and Curiosities of Nottinghamshire



A talk by Chris Weir

This fascinating and unusual talk will take us around some of the oddities of Nottinghamshire's history such as the mysterious statue of a man with an umbrella; skeletons under Norton Cuckney church and the 'goings-on' in the household of George Chaworth.

It will be a great start to 2021!

VIA ZOOM 10.45 for 11.00am start. Saturday 16 January 2021.
Contact chair@fona.org for joining details.

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The Northern Way Project

The Northern Way Project is a 33-month collaboration started in February 2018 between the University of York and The National Archives with the aim of making the fourteenth-century Registers of the Archbishops of York more accessible:

<https://www.york.ac.uk/history/research/northern-way/>.

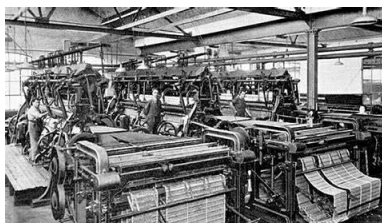
As part of this project, the team are focusing on particular communities within the diocese, including the Archdeacons of Nottingham.

One of the first outputs is a YouTube video, 'Chantry and communities in the Archdeacons of Nottingham', which explores how the records in the archbishops' registers alongside the physical fabric reflect the identities and intentions of the late medieval community of St Mary Magdalene, Newark.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAuUScvx7ng&feature=emb_logo

Wollaton H&CS

On Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm via ZOOM Andrew Hamilton will give a presentation on Wollaton Park



On Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30pm via ZOOM John Whitfield will give a presentation on

the varied industrial world of Nottingham's Manufacturing Companies

There is no charge for visitors attending Wollaton H&CS ZOOM meetings, everyone is welcome, more information from Angela Gilbert, Secretary WHACS, angela.gilbert@live.co.uk

NLHA 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

NLHA Facebook

Our 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 local history (or topics that would be of interest to Nottinghamshire local historians) subject only to the normal standards regarding courtesy and etiquette.

Nottinghamshire Nursing History Group

A new history group has formed to research and record the history of nursing in Nottinghamshire. It is dedicated to raising awareness of the history



of nursing in Nottinghamshire and to identify and profile the many individual nurses who have contributed to this history. Our

members include nurses and midwives, working historians, researchers and independent scholars. Please do contact us if you have any personal nursing history

Our website is

<https://nottinghamnursinghistory.wordpress.com/>

Our Twitter account is

[@nottsnursehist](https://twitter.com/nottsnursehist)

We are interested to hear from anyone who has photos or information to share on nursing history in the county.

Speakers from the group will be available in 2021. Please see our website for details.

A History of Eagle Square, Arnold



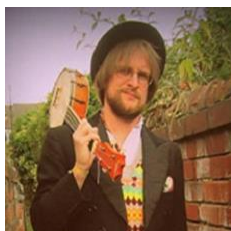
Christmas Fair

Bob Massey wrote a little leaflet on the square's history which is available to download from the NLHA website for anyone who did not manage to get to see Bob at the Arnold

<https://nlha.org.uk/news/>



Speakers

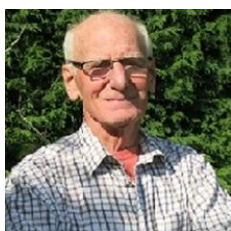


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Talks include: Folklore and Custom in the East Midlands - The History of Busking and Street Performance - Animal Songs (a look at the history of various traditional animal songs from around the British Isles) - talks involve elements of live music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

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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: "No Surrender!" Women's suffrage in Nottinghamshire and talks based on her recent book "Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers".



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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.



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Talks include: The stories of Nottingham regiments during the Napoleonic and Zulu wars.



Talks available on
ZOOM



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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.



HELEN BATES

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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.



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Talks include: Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham, The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords, The history of Sherwood,

Women's history: Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The good, the bad and the reality, What did you do in the war mum?

And based on her walks: Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers, Poverty, Prosperity and Politics, Nuns, Nurses and Notables, Artists, Academics and Activists, Hallelujah in the halls of Hockley.



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

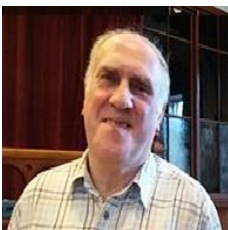


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Talks include: Rock of Ages, Medieval Stone Masons, Tattershall Castle, William Shakespeare Henry V and the Manipulation of History, Historic Graffiti, Castles of Nottinghamshire - Ritual Protection Marks at Knowle, Kent.



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David specialises in the study of Elizabethan history with local connotations



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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 The Old Curiosity Box: Get yourselves into teams and have fun identifying this collection of objects and curios. Catherine Crompton's Diary: In 1865 Catherine Mee married a member of one of Derbyshire's wealthiest families. From 1867 till 1897 she kept a diary. But was there more to her story than first meets the eye? Hallam Fields: A Community Forged from Iron: The story of a small closely-knit Derbyshire community that existed for little more than a century.



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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.



TRENT AND PEAK

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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

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

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