

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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Leicestershire And Rutland Festival Of Archaeology Returns in July

The Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology will be running throughout July this year, from July 3rd to August 1st. The county festival is part of the UK's biggest archaeological event, the national Festival of Archaeology.

With lockdown restrictions easing, this is the perfect time for people to get out and explore their local places, discover the archaeology and rich heritage that is all around us and uncover the stories, sites, buildings, places, people and events that make our local communities so special.

Events, both on the ground and online, are planned across Leicestershire and Rutland, in our towns and villages, in museums and at our heritage sites.

The Festival brings together local archaeological organisations to showcase all that is great about our local archaeological heritage and we want you to help us celebrate local sites, stories and the people who lived and shaped our local places.

Over 40 guided walks are organised with more being confirmed daily. These cover a huge range of sites from prehistoric to industrial.

Live digital talks by some of the counties' leading heritage experts.

Self-guided walks to enjoy at your own pace.

Online archives of past talks.

And many more family friendly activities, exhibitions and hands on events.

Local organiser, Peter Liddle, commented "last year was a disappointment as the pandemic led to most of our events being cancelled but this year we're back! We have fabulous sites locally and we plan to show people a different dimension to popular beauty spots like Bradgate Park, Beacon Hill and Abbey Park where the archaeology may go unnoticed – until our expert guides point it out. Numbers will be restricted to aid social distancing and everything will need to be booked in advance. There will also be a number of self-guided walks for people to follow at their own pace and time. Talks will largely be online with archaeologists from the University of Leicester and other experts speaking about a range of local subjects."

The Leicestershire and Rutland Festival is part of a national Festival of Archaeology organised by the Council for British Archaeology and is supported by the Leicestershire Fieldworkers, the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society, the Leicestershire Industrial History Society, University of Leicester Archaeological Services and many other local heritage groups.

More information about the Festival and a full list of events can be found at https://leicsfieldworkers.org/festival-ofarchaeology/ The programme is still being updated as more events are confirmed.

More information about the national Festival of Archaeology, which runs from July 17th to August 1st, can be found at <u>https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/</u>.





Church, Land and People

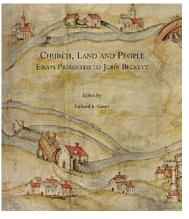
Thoroton Society Record Series, Volume 50 (2020) Church, Land and People: Essays Presented to John Beckett, edited by Dr Richard Gaunt. 274 pp. ISBN 978-0-902719-28-6.



The Thoroton Society has honoured one of the most distinguished historians of Nottinghamshire and one of the Society's longest-serving officers in the latest volume in its Record Series. *Church, Land and People. Essays Presented to John Becket*t has been published to coincide with John's 70th birthday and commemorates his retirement as Chair of the Society's Council after 28 years, and as Professor of English Regional History at the University of Nottingham after 30 years.

John's academic career, which began in 1975, has been particularly associated with the county. He joined the academic staff at Nottingham in 1979 and has established himself as one of the most influential and accessible of the county's historians. In addition to academic work on agrarian life and rural history, John has researched and published on projects concerning parliamentary enclosure, local politics, church history, landed estates and their owners, the Green Spaces of Nottingham, and, most recently, the 'hidden histories' of the First World War. He was responsible for editing the Centenary History of Nottingham (1997), which commemorated the award of city status to Nottingham in 1897 and is acknowledged as the pre-eminent historian of Laxton, the last village in the country to use the open-field system. His definitive one-volume history of the University of Nottingham was

published in 2016. He has been an active presence in the local history community, through talks, presentations, and media appearances, for forty years, and influenced generations of local historians through the MA in Regional and Local History, which he co-founded with colleagues in the Department of Continuing Education at Nottingham in 1983. John also served as Director of the Victoria County History between 2005 and 2010 and, in combination with the Thoroton Society, was instrumental in re-launching work in Nottinghamshire.



Church, Land and People is the 50th volume in the Society's Record Series. It brings together essays from a range of those with whom John has collaborated as teacher, mentor, supervisor,

researcher, author, colleague, coadjutor, and friend, on topics relating to the history of Nottinghamshire. The chronological range of the volume largely mirrors that with which John's academic career has been concerned, from the mid-17th century onwards, and comprises a suitably wide range of subjects, including great estates (Welbeck Abbey), important towns (Norwell, Newark, Bingham), important themes (coaching and communications), and people (including aristocratic women and rebellious men). The volume's title hints at three of the larger themes in John's output as a historian -Church, Land and People – and pays tribute to a man whom Sir Neil Cossons describes in the foreword to the volume as 'an enlightening and amiable companion'.

Please see the Ordering Thoroton Society publications page for information on purchasing Record Series volumes.

http://www.thorotonsociety.org.uk/publications /backstock.htm

Attention Communities and Parishes of Sherwood

Communities and parishes of Sherwood! Work with us to celebrate what is special about your local area and protect the legacy of Sherwood Forest.

Trees and hedges are part of what makes Sherwood special and why it attracts visitors from near and far. They are important not only for their wildlife and landscape value but also for their links to local places, characters, stories and folklore. Some trees are well known, for example - the Major Oak and its links with the legend of Robin Hood. However, Sherwood has lots of other named trees, each with a story and a local connection. Sadly, over time, many of these trees have been lost or died of old age. That is why we want to create a whole new landscape of heritage trees to ensure that the legacy of Sherwood continues.

Here's where we need your help

Do you know of a local story, myth or legend in your community that you would like to share? For example, did you know that Linby is named after the Linden (Lime) tree? Or is there a local character or theme that we can help you celebrate by planting a special tree or trees and holding an event for the whole community? It could be a spring treasure hunt, a tree dressing, a reenactment, carol singing in December, a May Day celebration, a storytelling event for children in summer or a lantern walk in autumn. The possibilities are endless. We would like to work with you to plan a celebration for a new generation of heritage trees.

Support and Funding

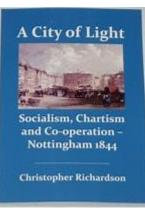
To help you develop ideas for your tree planting and celebration event, we can help with funding, and work alongside you to make it an event that the community will want to help grow and celebrate every year. If you have an idea for a project you would like to let us know about, contact **nic.wort@nottscc.gov.uk**. or on 0115 993 2601.

Why do we want you to get involved?

This is all about a new project called Miner2Major celebrating the diverse wildlife, important habitats, and rich heritage of Sherwood Forest. It focuses on the heart of the Sherwood Forest area from Nottingham to Ollerton, and Mansfield to Rufford Abbey, an area that has a distinctive landscape character, and which is recognised and valued by local people, as well as visitors from around the world. For more information see: https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/

A City of Light

by peopleshistreh



Almost a decade after we brought out the first edition of Chris Richardson/s *A City of Light* this book continues to be our most successful publication and remains an important contribution to the history of the labour movement.

With stocks of the 2015 run depleted, a new edition of the book had been planned for a while, but we finally revisited this project following the desperately sad loss of our dear friend and comrade Chris Richardson. The 3rd edition is now available from Five Leaves Bookshop, The Bookcase and The Sparrows' Nest,

If you want to read the book online, you can access it for free on our website. https://peopleshistreh.files.wordpress.com/2021 /05/city_of_light_2021_digital_edition.pdf

We hope you enjoy this book, which will continue to be a memorial to a wonderful person who is dearly missed.

Please also read Chris' 2007 pamphlet *The Cooperative Movement in Greater Nottingham: A Journey Towards Political Representation* in the Digital Library of The Sparrows' Nest Library and Archive.



Library Updates

https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/readinginformation/find-a-library/

Before you visit, make sure you check library opening times on our website. Some services are still running on a slightly different schedule:



Hucknall Library reopens Monday 21 June, following some essential maintenance work.

Stapleford Library is open again after being used as a coronavirus testing centre.

The café in Worksop Library is now open and ready to welcome you!

Carlton-in-Lindrick Library will be opening on Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm from the week beginning 28 June.

Retford Library will no longer be closing at lunchtimes from the week beginning 28 June. Opening hours will be 9.30am-5pm Monday to Friday & 9.30am-1pm on Saturday.

Edgewood Library remains closed until they can reopen safely.

Annesley Library remains closed. We are working with our community partners to reopen as soon as possible.

Mobile libraries may have some changes during the summer months due to holidays. Keep up to date with these and other service changes on the Inspire website.



Nottinghamshire Mining Museum Re-Opens

We look forward to welcoming you to our Museum at these times

Friday 23rd July 2021 for 6 Fridays ONLY:

23rd, 30th July, and 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of August

Half hourly pre-booked appointments commencing at 10.00 am (10.00 am, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.30 pm, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00: maximum of 6 visitors per half hour (4 adults and 2 children)

Book by email info@nottsmining.org

For further information including arrangements to meet Covid requirements visit our website <u>https://www.nottsminingmuseum.org.uk/</u>



b.massey@gmx.com for details

Spirit of Wartime Sherwood Project

by the Sherwood Forest Trust

This project aims to explore how the Second World War affected Sherwood Forest, including the changes to the landscape through Ministry of Defence construction, the work of the Land Army and Timber Corps, the diversification of local populations to include allied servicemen and refugees, the experiences of those on the home front, and the activities of servicemen operating from Nottinghamshire.

We are keen to involve the public and community groups in meaningful activities throughout the project to provide a greater understanding of local history in this period and its social themes which remain relevant to today's society.

One way we can encourage the public to engage with our history is through the annual Heritage Open Days, the 10th – 19th September 2021, with a national website to advertise our offers to the public. This year's Heritage Open Days theme is "Edible England", and we would like to work with local heritage and community groups to enable you to conduct research to share, to create activities for the community to participate in, or to promote your site with a WW2 link.

Groups can apply for up to £100 funding to help them to provide a fun and informative Second World War themed tour, talk, exhibition, activity or open day. The "Edible England" theme offers lots of opportunities to link to Dig for Victory, the Land Army, the Red Cross, British Restaurants, rationing and many other aspects of eating and producing food during the War.

For more information see

http://sherwoodforest.org.uk/spirit-of-wartime-sherwood/.

YMCA 150

by Nottinghamshire YMCA

Nottinghamshire YMCA is celebrating 150 years of supporting the local community and to mark this amazing milestone we are planning an exhibition that tells our story to be held in the Malt Cross and online in October 2021.

We would love for as many people as possible to get involved by sharing any Nottinghamshire YMCA related story with us.

We have heard from local people who learnt how to fence at our Shakespeare Street building, and stories about great grandmothers singing for soldiers at YMCA camps during the First World War. We know of tea dances, craft fairs, cricket matches, swimming competitions etc. but we need more information to piece these stories together. And no story is too big or too small.

Plus, if anyone has any photographs or YMCA memorabilia that would be great!

Please feel free to share this post with your members and their friends and family - we would like to hear from as many people as possible.

We've created an online form which can be accessed here >> https://www.nottsymca.com/150stories/

Alternatively, we can be reached by email at **mpr@nottsymca.org**



Read more at nottsymca.com/news



East Leake & District Local History Society

Nothing Stops History at East Leake

The various and unexpected Covid lockdowns have not stopped the East Leake Local History Society from continuing to give talks, write new material and research fresh topics. The usual monthly talks have been organised online via Zoom, and the AGM was held virtually. Next year's talks will begin on Wednesday evening 15th September with a presentation on on Calke Abbey and "...what lies beneath." The Autumn talks will almost certainly be held online, unless we hear that all lockdowns have been lifted, otherwise they will take place in St Marys' Church Hall as usual. For more details please see the website https://eastleake-history.org.uk/

Individual members are currently beavering away at work on the graffiti found in local churches, the lifestyles of the women of the village as revealed in censuses from 1841 to 1911, and the story of Esterleyke in the 14th century, which should culminate in a full and original account in book form.



The latest book to be published is "To a place of greater safety", about the 200 and more evacuees to the village from Nottingham, Sheffield, Birmingham and London during World War II. This is a cracking and delightful read, full of tales

and emotive illustrations - every child has their own story to tell, and we have found some fascinating tales.

The society was particularly pleased to have received a wonderful account by Peter Russell who recently visited the village from south-east London. Peter visited the village school to which those evacuees of school age were sent. It was the school records that have provided the details of their lives away in the countryside, so we have information about the childrens' ages, home addresses, school classes and, most revealing, the adresses (sometimes changing) of their many hosts in and around East Leake. This was all part of "Operation Pied Piper", the government's plan to move over a million people away from vulnerable city centres, all planned in 1938, well before war broke out.

The book is available from Maureen Hurst at **jmhurst2@hotmail.co.uk** and will be sent by post, price £8.50.



The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair Went Digital Throughout May 2021

We have been proud to present our annual Local History Fair since 2013 (excepting 2020!), bringing local groups together to celebrate the variety of heritage activity in Nottinghamshire. This year the celebration was digital, featuring a selection of photographs, video, talks and presentations from groups and organisations from all over the county.

A big 'thank-you' to all those groups and individuals who took part, whether it was in supplying content, spreading the word, participating in one of our online events, or simply taking a look at the site. In particular we would like to thank the Nottinghamshire Local History Association (NLHA) for helping to promote via their newsletter and online; the Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum for their help in promoting the fair and for sharing lots of posts on social media; and all those individual societies who also promoted it widely to their contacts.

We hope you all enjoyed a fascinating journey through the history of Nottinghamshire, and we look forward to welcoming you all back for our next history fair in May 2022!



In Their Own Write: The Testimony of the Victorian English and Welsh Poor

A FREE on-line presentation by The National Archives, Friday, 23 July 2021 at 2:00pm. Book via Eventbrite

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/in-their-ownwrite-the-testimony-of-the-victorian-englishand-welsh-poor-tickets-158127725283?aff=wowp

The welfare system of the time, referred to as relief under the New Poor Law, was often forcefully contested between paupers and those who administrated the system. In this talk, you will hear about ordinary people at the extreme lower strata of Victorian society, who campaigned to their social "betters" for more acceptable levels of poor relief.

This talk will examine how the Victorian poor tried to explain their poverty, the conditions in which they lived, and what they considered should be their rights to welfare in times of unemployment and/or sickness.

In Their Own Write is a three-year, AHRC-funded project (2018-July 2021). It uses letters from paupers and other poor people, and associated manuscript material (petitions, sworn statements and advocate letters, written on behalf of paupers) to investigate the lives of the poor between 1834 and 1900. It is run jointly by The National Archives and Nottingham Trent University.

Learn more about the project, its aims and the staff behind the project at <u>https://intheirownwriteblog.com/about/</u>





Mo Cooper

Mo is starting her walks programme with small groups of 12 people. Walks will comply with Covid guidelines. All walks must be booked via Eventbrite

Sherwood – people & places 11am 1st Aug https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/159985732633

Beer, bleaching and burials in Basford 11am 8th Aug

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/159854351669

You can book a group tour or talk too. see https://mocooper.weebly.com/





Coming Soon: The North-South

Frontier (An Alternative History of Nottinghamshire)

For more information and to register your interest please go to: https://www.northsouthfrontier.com/

Looking after your Photograph Collection: On-line Workshop



The Workshop presented by Sarah Chubb from the Derbyshire Record Office takes place on Friday morning, 16th July 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

For more information go to: https://nlha.org.uk/event/looking-after-yourphotograph-collection-on-line-workshop/



A comprehensive listing of presentations along with speaker profiles and contact details is available on our website <u>https://nlha.org.uk/speakers-and-presentations/</u>

Please contact the speakers directly for more information

HELEN BATES		
	 Contact details for Helen Bates are email: <u>helenlouisebates@aol.co.uk</u> mobile: 0785 4466183 Helen offers talks on local textile history, the 1745 Jacobite uprising, and local legacies of slavery 	
	BRIAN BINNS	
	 Contact details for Brian Binns are email: <u>bnbinns@gmail.com</u> Talks on local personalities 	
	MO COOPER	
	 Contact details for Mo Cooper are email: mocooper@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 07950472022. website: https://mocooper@yahoo.co.uk Talks on the history of the local deaf community, Edwardian landlords, women's history, and the history of Sherwood Deaf Community 	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
and the second se	GARETH DAVIES	
	 Contact details for Gareth Davies are email: garethdavies@yorkat.co.uk telephone: 0115 8967402 mobile: 07506920395 website: tparchaeology.co.uk 	
	Talks on local archaeology and excavation	

MARK DAWSON		
	Contact details for Mark Dawson are	
	• email: <u>mdfoodhistory@gmail.com</u>	
	• website: www.mdfoodhistory.weebly.com	
	Talks on food and drink in Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire –	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
	ROWENA EDLIN-WHITE	
	Contact details for Rowena Edlin-White are	
	• email: <u>ro@edlin-white.net</u>	
1261	• telephone: 0115 9873135	
2.	Talks on women's suffrage in Nottinghamshire	
	Rowena does not offer talks on ZOOM	
STEPHEN FLINDERS		
VET YOU	Contact details for Stephen Flinders are	
1 A DEL	• email: stephenflinders@sky.com	
	• telephone: 0115 8548373	
	• mobile: 07547555322	
	Talks on local, family, social and industrial history	
	ADRIAN GRAY	
Pilg	Contact details for Adrian Gray are	
COU	• email: adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk	
	• telephone: 07470-366689.	
A LEAN	Talks on local Nottinghamshire (and also Lincolnshire) general history including	
	Nottinghamshire's Christian Heritage, historic localities and personalities.	
	Adrian offers all of his talks online using ZOOM , Teams or even Google Meet	
EDWARD HAMMOND		
	Contact details for Edward Hammond are	
	• email: <u>edwardhammond@live.co.uk</u>	
	• mobile: 07852957022.	
	Talks on the Napoleonic and Ancient Roman wars	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	

PETER HAMMOND		
	Contact details for Peter Hammond are-	
	 email: <u>historyworkshops@aol.com</u> telephone: 0115 9145520 	
	Peter offers a wide range of talks on archaeology, local communities and local	
	characters	
	Most talks are available on ZOOM	
	MIKE HIGGINBOTTOM	
	Contact details for Mike Higginbotton are	
(00)	• email: mike@mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk	
	• telephone: 0114 242-0951	
	• mobile: 07946650672	
00	• website: <u>http://www.mikehigginbottominterestingtimes.co.uk/?page_id=50</u>	
	Talks on English country houses, Victorian cemeteries, theatre, cinema	
	Mike does not offer talks on ZOOM	
RUTH IMESON DA SILVA		
	Contact details for Ruth Imeson da Silva are	
	• email: <u>ruth@letstalkhistory.co.uk</u>	
(a) B	• website: www.letstalkhistory.co.uk	
1 - C	Talks on Albert Ball and other local personalities	
	MIKE KIRKBY	
	Contact details for Michael Kirkby are	
	• email <u>mpkirkby@hotmail.co.uk</u>	
	• mobile: 07454 015966	
	Talks on the stories of Nottingham regiments	
BOB MASSEY		
	Contact details for Bob Massey are	
	• email: <u>bob.m.massey@gmail.com</u>	
	• telephone: 0115 9263626.	
	• website: www.bobmassey.info/415325374	
	Bob offers a comprehensive list of talks on a range of subjects New talks have been added this year. Please see Bob's website for full details.	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	

ROBERT MEE		
	Contact details for Robert Mee are	
	• email: <u>RobertMMee@btinternet.com</u>	
	• telephone: 0115 9327495	
	Robert offers talks on castles, historic locations in Derbyshire, railways	
	SAM MILLARD	
	Contact details for Sam Millard are	
	• email: sammillard123@btinternet.com	
	• telephone: 01777870518	
	Talks on Rufford Park, a history mystery, and Sam also offers a walking tour of Newark	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
	DAVE MOONEY	
	Contact details for Dave Mooney are	
A CONSTRUCTION	• email: <u>dave.j.mooney@gmail.com</u>	
	• mobile: 07961077630.	
	Talks on folklore and custom in the East Midlands	
	COLIN MOSS	
	Contact details for Colin Moss are	
La	• email: <u>cmossle@tiscali.co.uk</u>	
A COLO	• email: info@nottinghamindustrialmuseum.co.uk	
13	Talks on the history of the East Midlands Knitting Industry.	
	MARTIN STOTT	
	Contact details for Martin Stott are	
Provent and the second se	• email: Martin.stott@bulletin.co.uk	
100	• website: www.storytellergarden.co.uk	
	Talks on garden history	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
	DAVID TEMPLEMAN	
	Contact details for David Templeman are	
	• email: templeman3@tiscali.co.uk	
	• telephone: 01246 415497	
	Talks on Elizabethan history with local connotations	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	

STEPHEN WALKER		
	Contact details for Stephen Walker are	
	 email: <u>stephenj_walker@btinternet.com</u> 	
ASE D	• telephone: 0115 963 0808	
	Talks on18th century cotton mills, Gedling and Bulwell	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
	CHRIS WEIR	
	Contact details for Chris Weir are	
	• email: heritagetalks@outlook.com	
Contraction of the	• mobile: 07922496682	
5 20	• website: www.heritagetalks.homestead.com	
m 12	Talks on Victorian Nottingham, local personalities	
	All talks can be presented on ZOOM	
DANNY WELLS		
	Contact details for Danny Wells are	
	• email: <u>danny.wells@history-talks.co.uk</u>	
1000	• telephone: 01335 350536	
191	• website: www.history-talks.co.uk.	
X	Talks on art, local communities and historical characters	
	Danny does not offer talks on ZOOM	
	JAMES WRIGHT	
E AN	Contact details for James Wright are	
	• email: jpwarchaeology@hotmail.co.uk	
	• mobile: 07925840920	
	Talks on medieval stone masons, castles, historic graffiti, the manipulation of history	
	All talks are available on ZOOM	
STEVE WRIGHT		
	Contact details for Steve Wright are	
	• email: steve1001@virginmedia.com	
	• telephone: 0115 9313592	
	Talks on churches, mining, locomotives, and local communities	



Finally

News and Events

We are happy to publish any news or events, from individuals or groups, regardless of whether they are NLHA members or not, as long as the topic relates to Nottinghamshire local history. Please send material by email to: <u>newsletter@nlha.org.uk</u>

You can still access the news and events on our webpage at: https://nlha.org.uk

We are happy to post news and events to the webpage at any time but if you want them to appear in the newsletter then please send them by the last weekend of the previous month to **newsletter@nlha.org.uk**

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