



NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Worksop Bestiary



Although we are constantly hearing about the return of ancient artefacts to their countries of origin, we have made little progress in the return of Nottinghamshire treasures to Nottinghamshire. Two of our greatest treasures, both connected with Worksop, are currently held on the other side of the world.

One is the Tickhill Psalter, which was made for the Prior of Worksop, which is in New York Public Library care. The other is the Worksop Bestiary, made in about 1185, and can be found in.....New York. Sadly, it was only in 1902 that this left these shores for the USA – imagine if we had a museum housing both of these in a way that they could be viewed.

The Bestiary is a type of directory of animals – though some of its contents are certainly mythological! The first picture above, though, is a humble hedgehog though it also includes a dragon attacking an elephant and a flying swordfish as well as a unicorn. The second is a manticores.....we await the time when a naturalist finally discovers one of these lurking in the shrubbery of Sherwood.

According to reports in 1932, the Psalter appeared for sale in the USA without any 'competent authority' in the UK having even seen it. Lord Lothian simply exported a few medieval manuscripts without checking if any British buyer might want them. The Bestiary had an odder route – somehow being sold by the Duke of Hamilton to a museum in Berlin, then acquired by the artist William Morris, and after he died bought by J Pierpont Morgan.

Volunteer Your Services to the NLHA!

The NLHA is run by volunteers and we would like to enrol some others to support our team. Duties are generally light, but it helps to have a mix of people to share them. Anyone who can help with organising events, managing websites, finance, booking speakers or even making the coffee would be welcome. Activity is generally well spaced out across the year.

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ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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The next SLHA History Day will be at Ravenshead Village Hall on Saturday 13th April, approx 10am to 4pm.

Look out for more information about the programme.

Although it meets outside Nottinghamshire, members may be interested in the following meeting of the N E Derbyshire Industrial Archaeology Society.

Venue: St. Thomas' Church Centre, Chatsworth Road, Brampton, Chesterfield S40 3AW

Monday 11 March, 7.30 Dr Stephen Walker: History and operation of the historic Papplewick Cotton Mills "



If you have an enquiry about Nottinghamshire History, you are best to post this on our NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY Facebook page for more rapid responses, although we will carry some enquiries here. It can be found here:

[NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY | Facebook](#)

From: Clive Andrews cliveand13@gmail.com

Please would you be able to help. My grandparents Thomas and Alice Plowright used to have a cafe on the embankment very close to Trent Bridge probably in the 1920/30s. They often spoke of the times when they would be selling sandwiches etc to the crowds going to cricket matches at Trent Bridge. I have often wondered exactly where the cafe was situated and what it looked like. Do any of our members have memories of this cafe or photographs of it. I would appreciate any information.

THOROTON SOCIETY NEWS

Nottinghamshire parish churches

The first in a series of short articles on our parish churches looks at St Mary the Virgin, Lowdham.

The church is located to the north of the village, near to the 17th century manor house and a medieval moated site. It consists of a chancel (with a north chapel), clerestoried nave, aisles, south porch and west tower.

The Tower dates from about 1170 in the transitional period between the Norman and Early English styles of church architecture. The octagonal spire was added in the 15th century. The chancel was largely rebuilt in 1890, apart from a section of its west end.

The tall nave arcades inside the church are impressive; the quatrefoil piers have fillets up the shafts into the plain capitals which suggest a date of c.1250. The aisles were rebuilt in the 14th century and have Decorated windows.

The octagonal font is supported on piers, each side of the font decorated with a single crocketed gable with finial and supported on single carved human and animal heads. It dates to c.1300.

There is a good effigy in chain mail and surcoat to Sir John de Lowdham who died in 1318.

Further information on this church is available on the Southwell & Nottingham Church History Project website.



TALKS AND MEETINGS

We list all history meetings in Nottinghamshire that we are notified of, as far as we can. We are also building up a directory of history organisations in the county so we can support each other...but if you do not tell us, we do not know!

Arnold Local History Group

Contact: 0115 9200626, email address: alhgroupo@gmail.com

Meetings are held at: Arnold Methodist Church, 54 Front Street, Arnold

Membership is £10.00 pp per year. Entrance on the night is £1.00 pp for members and the cost for visitors is £3.00 pp.

February 20th Bob Massey

‘Muriel & Bert’ The story of Jessie Chambers, D H Lawrence's first Girlfriend and their Relationship

March 19th AGM Followed by Mick Radnall

Memories of Old Arnold (Illustrated Talk)

April 16th Chris Weir

Shops of Nottingham

May 21st David Speed

‘The Pentrich Revolution’

June 18th Peter Liddle

‘The Leicester Roman Villa Project’

July 16th Gareth Howell (The Peter Hunt Memorial Talk)

‘The Fishpool Hoard (Ravenshead)’

August 20th Bob Massey

‘Law & Order’ The History of Police and Policing in Nottingham Through the Ages

September 17th Dr James Wright

‘Medieval Great Houses of the East Midlands’

October 15th Sophie Clapp (Boots Head Archivist)

‘Dispensing History’: 175 Years of Boots in Nottingham

November 21st Andy McKinnon

‘History of Coal Mining in Nottingham’

Aslockton: Cranmer Local History Society

February 6th (2.30 -3.30) The Cranmer Centre in Aslockton is open from 2.00pm, starts at 2.30pm. Adrian Gray will talk about 'Scandals of Sherwood Forest'.

March 5, 2024: Jon Anslow on Cranmer Cottage – Witness to 800 years of English History

April 2, 2024: Bob Massey on The Biggest Worsted Mill

May 7, 2024: Dave Barton on John and Lucy Hutchinson

June 4, 2024: Emeritus Professor John Beckett on Nottingham's Council House

July 2024: ANNUAL GROUP VISIT TO A SITE OF HISTORICAL INTEREST: Details and Date to be Confirmed

The 2024 AGM will be held on September 3, 2024.

Contact: kaucker@gmail.com or 01949 850298

Membership subscriptions are the main source of funding for the Group's monthly meetings, website and publicity.

Meeting Entry Fee:

Members: £3 Non-members: £5

Beckingham History Group

The meetings take place in the Recreation Room in Beckingham at 7pm

For info contact Marion Dickinson: marion08@btinternet.com

BEESTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

February 21: speaker **Julia Powell**. "Monet's garden and Da Vinci's Chateau du Clos Luce."

March 20: speaker **David Needham**. "Nottinghamshire Air Crashes" – including the one on Long Lane, Attenborough.

April 18: speaker **Maureen Rushton**. "100 years anniversary of Chilwell Memorial Hall."

May 15: Speaker **Martin Perry** "The Magic of the Guitar."

June 19: Speaker **Jill Oakland** "Nurse Calling!" - Local community health care pre-NHS.

July 17: speaker **Jeanie Barton** "Beeston Street Art."

September 18: speaker **John Beckett** "Cottage Grove re-visited." An updated look at this local conservation area using data from the 1921 census and the 1939 register.

October 16: speaker **Maureen Rushton**. "It wasn't boring working in a bank." (Attempted bank raid at Lloyds, Beeston.)

November 20: speaker **Stephen Flinders** "The First in Derbyshire. The story of Ilkeston Tramway 1903-1931."

December 18: AGM and Christmas meeting.

Chilwell Memorial Hall, 7.30 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



BLIDWORTH MINERS WELFARE FUNCTION ROOM, MANSFIELD ROAD, BLIDWORTH, NOTTS

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

[Blidworth and District Historical & Heritage Society - Home Page \(blidworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk\)](http://blidworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk)

January 2nd. 2024 Society Meeting
Open discussion with members present
February 6th 2024 Guest speaker Dr. David Amos
Having a Crack - Pit Poetry and Humour
March 5th 2024 Annual general meeting
Plus a local history presentation
and audience participation is encouraged

BRAMCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All meetings take place in
St. Michael's Church Centre, Church St., Bramcote NG9 3HD
Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £2.50.
Refreshments available.
See our website for further events, walks etc.
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

Bramcote Local History Group Programme 2024

Castles of Nottinghamshire

Monday 15th April, 8pm James Wright

Bendigo Thompson

Monday 20th May, 8pm Alan Dawson

Papplewick Pumping Station

Monday 17th June, 8pm Peter Nicholls

Nottingham Creatives: Bonington, Fothergill, Woodford

Monday 15th July, 8pm Helen Stewart

The Buckleys of Southfield House, Bramcote

Monday 16th September, 8pm Peter Duke & Val Bird

AGM ^{plus} Queen Victoria and Nottingham

Monday 21st October, 8pm Kevin Powell

Summer events for members only

Guided walk of Wollaton village

Wednesday 31st July Graham Woodward

Visit to Upton Hall Horological Museum

Tuesday 6th August

All meetings take place in
St. Michael's Church Centre, Church St., Bramcote NG9 3HD

Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £2.50.
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BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Venue: Carnarvon Room,
Chestnut Grove
Burton Joyce
NOTTINGHAM
NG14 5DP

Members meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7.30 pm
Visitors are most welcome. Admission is £5.00 per person.

Please contact the society for details.

Coddington History Group

We meet in Coddington Village Hall, Main St, Coddington. NG24 2PN at 7:30 pm.

Admission £2 non members (including refreshments).

Contact: derekrigby25@hotmail.com

Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30pm – 'A Brief History of Nottinghamshire Lace Making' by Keith Small

Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30pm – 'The Victorian Renovation of All Saints Church Coddington' by Josephine McKenzie

Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7.30pm – 'Nottingham's Royal Garden' by Martin Stott

Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7.30pm – '1943 The Secret Eakring Oil Field' by David Ives

East Leake & District Local History Society

Feb 21st: Vikings in and around Notts – Peter Liddle

March 20th: Members' Evening

April 17th: Inn Signs and Local History – Robert Mee

May 15th: History beneath our Feet – Stephen Flinders (AGM)

Meetings are normally held in the parish church at 7.30pm.

Edwinstowe Historical Society

www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk

enquiries: EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com

Venue: St. Mary's Church Rooms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe, Notts. NG21 9NJ

Meetings held on 3rd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Visitors welcome at a charge of £3

Programme for 2023/24

Dec. 20 th	No meeting	
Feb. 21 st	A Journey along the River Maun	In house
Mar. 20 th	Newstead Abbey	Dennis Hill
Apr. 17 th	The Good, the Bad & The Reality	Mo Cooper
May 15 th	AGM	
June 19 th	Follow the Moon & Stars	John Baird

Elston Pentagon History Society

Venue: Elston Village Hall, Top Street, Elston, Newark, NG23 5NP

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors £4.

Wednesday 6th December: Christmas Supper/Lunch: The Chequers Inn

6.30pm to eat at 7pm

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Wednesday 28th February - Kathy Powis: The Mary Rose – One moment in Time

Wednesday 27th March - Bob Massey: Goose Fair

Wednesday 24th April - Clive Rudd: Songs and Stories From the 60s

Wednesday 22nd May Creswell Crags: 32 miles. Groups - minimum of 2
maximum of 10

Group Price £14 per person. 3 choices

Life in the Ice Age; Witch Marks: Art in the Ice Age

Tours last an hour; 20 minute walk to the caves.

Single Entry £3.00, over 60 £2.00:

Wednesday 26th June - Sibthorpe Dovecote, Village, Monastic College, chapel, moat, fishponds and open field system

Wednesday 24th July - Flintham Museum: £5 per person – this includes a walk to where the original village shop used to be and a mud dovecote, weather permitting. 50. Annual Subs £25.00



All meetings held in the Lower Hall Village Centre, New Hill, starting at 7.30 p.m.

14th February	The Rutland Roman Villa Project As seen on BBC 'Digging for Britain'	Peter Liddle
13th March	AGM followed by The Farnsfield/Blidworth Boundary Dispute	Alan Higgins
10th April	Model Villages of the Nottinghamshire Coalfields	Chris Matthews
8th May	The Elizabethan Wall Paintings in the Saracen's Head, Southwell	David Johnson
12th June	A History of Nottingham Theatre	Andrew Smart
10th July	Summer Social	
11th September	Kate Greenaway in Rolleston Artist & writer known for her children's book illustrations	Kate Greenaway Action Group
9th October	Cardiothoracic Surgery in Nottingham 1938 to 2024 The local treatment of TB, the impact of the Dunkirk evacuation & links to George Orwell. John will bring a selection of antique surgical instruments, equipment & photographs	John Campbell
13th November	Idle Women & Lumber Jills of WW2 The story of the land girls of the waterways & the Women's Timber Corps of WW2	Nicky Smith

11th December	Christmas meal - The Lion at Farnsfield	
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Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives

Talks are at Nottinghamshire Archives, Castle Meadow Road, NG2 1EE.

Talks start at 11am. Tea/Coffee will be served from 10.30. Guests always welcome and a donation of £3 is requested.

KEYWORD

Latest news: [Keyworth & District Local History Society \(keyworthhistory.org.uk\)](http://keyworthhistory.org.uk)

Lowdham Local History Society

Meetings are normally at the WI Hall from 7.30pm.

8th February 2024 Bob Massey - Stand and Deliver. The story of rogues, cut throats and villains.

14th March 2024 Ted White - The Smith family of Bromley House. A fascinating story of the beginnings of the Smiths Bank.

11th April 2024 Steve LeMottee - Sport on the Forest Recreation Ground from the 17C

All Meetings held in the Lowdham WI Hall at 7.30pm. Membership is just £15, non-members pay £3 for each evening.

Contact: maureenhandley45@gmail.com

Newark: other events

Friends of the National Civil War Centre & Newark Museum will be restarting meetings soon.

NOTTINGHAM HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We have a working party on a Tuesday morning from 11-1pm, if anyone is interested and would like to join us recording the finds and reassembling the pottery. no experience required as training will be given.

Also we are available to give illustrated talks to groups about the Caves of Nottingham

Contact: pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com

Nottingham: other events

From Nottingham Civic Society:

20 February: Felicity Whittle

'House-work: 29 years in the House of Commons Library'

Recollections from a career spent amongst the books, the buildings and the people in the Palace of Westminster.

19 March: Martine Hamilton Knight - *the Ken Brand lecture*

'Meet the Neighbours: Photographing Staffordshire for the new edition of Pevsner's *Buildings of England*'

16 April: Chris Matthews

'Twentieth Century Nottingham'

21 May: Annual General Meeting

Venue: Tuesday evenings at 7.30 in the Nottingham Mechanics.

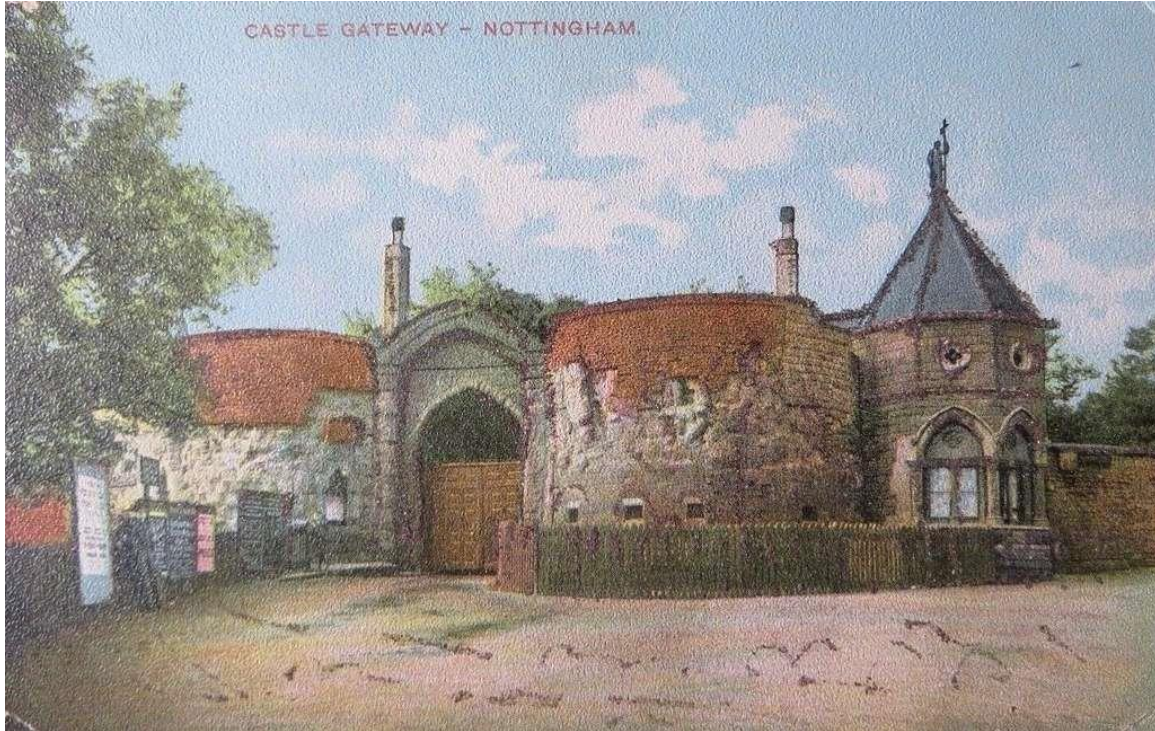
Watson Fothergill Walks

Architecture of Victorian Nottingham, Sunday 2 Feb 10am Tickets are £15 each from this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watson-fothergill-walk-architecture-of-victorian-nottingham-tickets-776210074227?aff=NLHA>

Tour also taking place on Sunday 18 February, 10am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watson-fothergill-walk-architecture-of-victorian-nottingham-tickets-776222501397?aff=NLHA>

Join tour guide Lucy Brouwer to explore the Nottingham city centre buildings of Victorian architect Watson Fothergill. Why did the Victorians think a mortgage was like a monkey? How can one architect have two names on one building? What links one of Nottingham's foremost Victorian architects with Mick Jagger and Thomas Hardy? These questions and more will be answered on a guided walk around the buildings of architect Watson Fothergill in Nottingham City Centre. Learn about the buildings of one of Nottingham's most prominent Victorian architects, his signature style and the influence of the Gothic on the city's buildings.

A walk of approximately 2km (1.25 miles) 2 hours. Participants are asked to come prepared for all weather eventualities and to wear footwear suitable for city walking. Meet for 10 am start outside Nottingham Tourism Centre on Smithy Row (next to Council House). Finish at Fothergill's pub where there is the option to stay for refreshments. Advanced booking is essential as places are limited. Maximum group size 20. <https://watsonfothergillwalk.com>



Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society

**The All for Ireland League
Class, Conflict and Conciliation in Cork 1910-1918**



A talk by Dr Patrick Murphy

The All for Ireland League, launched in 1909, presented the only organized opposition to the dominant Irish Party in its history. This led to unprecedented levels of violence in Cork during the two general elections of 1910 where the League took eight of the nine parliamentary seats in Cork and gained control of local government in the city and county the following year. It is chiefly remembered for its policy of conciliation with unionists. The League developed its electoral base by co-opting working class dissent. In reality, it was economically and socially conservative, antagonistic to socialism and suspicious of trade unions and the labour movement.

Dr. Patrick Murphy was born in Cork and is now based in England. His PhD thesis from the University of Liverpool was on the All for Ireland League.

Saturday 24th February 2024, 2.00 p.m.
Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

The Irish Centre 2-4 Wilford St, Nottingham NG2 1AA

Refreshments available

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976288935>

For more information, please contact rogermtanner@yahoo.co.uk
www.ndlhisoc.wordpress.com

Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

REGULAR VENUE:

*Beeston Suite,
Highfields Fire Station,
Hassocks Lane, Beeston,
Nottingham. NG9 2GQ*

GENERAL MEETINGS:

*Monthly: September to April
& AGM in July,
Start time: 6.45pm.
(Auction viewing from 6.00pm)*

Contact: marktray60@gmail.com

Monday 8th January 2024

Understanding Legends on Coins

by Mark T. Ray

Monday 12th February 2024

Roman Republican Coinage

by Steve Jackson

Monday 11th March 2024

Royalist Newark, 1642-1646

by Stuart Jennings

Monday 8th April 2024

Society Auction

Monday 8th July 2024

Annual General Meeting

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

2024

3 Jan 'The regicide and the authoress: John and Lucy Hutchinson of Owthorpe', by Dave Barton.

7 Feb 'Fish and Fasting in Early Modern England', by Mark Dawson.

6 Mar 'Florence Boot' by Sian Trafford.

3 Apr 'Exploring the history of Radcliffe's pubs, past and present' by Marion Caunt.

1 May 'Medieval houses of the East Midlands', by James Wright.

5 Jun 'An unheroic history of Robin Hood', by a speaker from the University of Nottingham Manuscripts Library.

All talks are on a Wednesday evening starting at 7-30pm in the main hall of Grange Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. Tickets are available from Pen2Paper, Main Road, RoT or on the door, price £3. Doors open at 7-00pm.

7 Jun 'George Parr, Radcliffe's international cricketer', by Marion Caunt.

Retford & District Historical and Archaeological Society

No information.

Sutton on Trent History Society

We meet in the Methodist Community Centre, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Annual membership of the Society is £10.00 per annum and the fee for non-members is £2.00 per meeting.

Details here: [History Society - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Website, Newark \(suttonontrent.org.uk\)](http://History Society - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Website, Newark (suttonontrent.org.uk))

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Monday 12th at 7.30 p.m. **-Mike Ogden**
Beyond the Blue Horizon (The Golden Age of Air Travel)

March 2024

Monday 11th at 7.30p.m. **-Lynda and Andrew Hounsfield**
Sir Godfrey Hounsfield

April 2024

Monday 8th at 7.30 p.m. **-Chris Hewis**
A Pictorial Tour of Bygone Lincoln

Thoroton Society news

Latest news: [The Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire > Programme of events](#)

Welbeck and the Harley Gallery

Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society

Meetings: 7.30pm St Leonard's Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, opp Wollaton library.

February 28th - David Skillen. "Pilots 'n Petticoats". Enabled Women to write their own place in History.

March 27th - Maggy Watkins. "Mayflower Pilgrims in a new World". Their move to Leiden and the decision to create their own settlement in the new World.

April 24th - Bob Massey. "Gone but Not Forgotten". A look at the lost Buildings of Nottinghamshire. The talk follows a brief Annual General Meeting.

Woodborough

Date	Speaker	Title
February 15	Martin Stott	The Humour of Hole – Dean Reynolds Hole
March 21	Adrian Gray	“The Dangerous Women of Nottingham”
April 18	Christine Salter & Co	Kate Greenaway in Rolleston
May 16	Dennis Hill	The Mansfield to Pinxton Railway
June 20	Paul Mann	Vikings on the Trent
July 18	Outing or summer celebratory meal at Nag’s Head	
August 15		No Meeting
September 19	Jeremy Lodge	A Rural Railway and its Neighbours The Midland Railway – Nottingham to Newark
October 17	Richard Bridgford	Gin Lane to the Band of Hope
November 21	Ian Clarke	The North South Frontier – Nottingham through the Ages
December 12	Ann Featherstone	AGM Fools and Horses, the Victorian Circus

NLHA LIST OF SPEAKERS

Our list (which is of speakers we are aware of, not ‘approved’ speakers) will include talks about Nottinghamshire or directly related history. If you are a speaker, please send your list of talks to newsletter@nlha.org.uk.

David Speed (speeddavid06@gmail.com): Offers six illustrated Powerpoint history talks: Beauvale Priory where two worlds meet; The Kings and Sherwood Forest; Robin Hood and His Times; The Pentrich Revolt; Henry Sampson, Betrayal in Bulwell; Tangled Web: Nottingham Children’s Nineteenth Century Education.

Mo Cooper is a community historian and a founder member of Nottingham Women’s History Group. She delivers a variety of talks and walks. You can contact her at mocooper@yahoo.co.uk or Tel 07950 472022.

<https://mocooper.weebly.com>

- The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham’s Edwardian landlords Talk
- Edwardian housing Narrowmarsh
- Gedling House – Georgian mansion to Buddhist Centre Talk (or tour from 2023)
- The good, the bad and the reality, A gallop through the women who have contributed to Nottingham’s’ history
- Nottingham, women’s history

- Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham
- Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The long, long road to equality Talk Suffrage Nottingham Suffragette
- What did you do in the war mum? An exploration of how the women of Nottingham supported the war effort.
- WW2, women's history, Nottingham
- Walks (and talks)
- Beer, bleaching and burials in Basford
- Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers – lace workers, grand ladies and the women that were transported for their 'crimes'.

Robert Mee can present a number of illustrated talks for your group. Presentations currently available include:

- Inn Signs and Local History: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names - what they can tell the local historian
- Nottinghamshire Castles: 11 definite castle sites, and a few more besides!
- Nottingham Classified: a look at 18th and 19th century advertisements in the local newspapers. (from May 2023)

All presentations are fully illustrated. They normally last from 50 to 90 minutes, but can be adjusted to suit your needs. Robert is often available at short-notice, if, for example, a speaker cancels. Fees are £60, plus expenses if over 40 miles (return from West Hallam) involved. Contact: email - RobertMMee@btinternet.com; telephone - 0115 9327495/07757 134353

Tom Andrews: tom_andrews@hotmail.co.uk

- Modern policing of Nottingham, primarily the policing of Nottingham between 1930 – 1959 and Chief Constable Capt. Athelstan Popkess who invented police radios and mobile police vehicle patrols among other things, and Victorian policing of Nottinghamshire.

STAA at St Ann's Heritage Gardens provide speakers on this Grade 2* listed site. Talks delivered by Mo Cooper.

- St Ann's Allotments, Nottingham's unique heritage gardens
- Stories from the Hungerhills

ADRIAN GRAY can be contacted at adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk or 07470 366689. Adrian is a graduate historian and author of many books. His talks are all fully illustrated and include:

Why did they all come from here? Why the Mayflower Pilgrims and the linked group who formed the first Baptists originated in the region of North Notts and West Lincs.

Religious Liberty: A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs: ideas about religious liberty now enshrined in the UN declaration of Human Rights can be traced back through the US 'First Amendment' to the thinking and writing of men who came from Nottinghamshire.

Thomas Helwys: The Price of Freedom: Helwys, a Nottingham man, financed the move of the 'Pilgrims' to Holland and there became a Baptist. He risked his own life by returning to England and founding the Baptist denomination, where he wrote the first text in English that argued for religious liberty for all faiths – for which he was imprisoned.

The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest: this is an unconventional approach to telling the story of Sherwood and the Dukeries. Rather than following it chronologically, we examine the tale through ten scandals – money, sex and political – that define what happened to Sherwood and the great houses that were built there.

Worksop, Witches and a Place in American History: the Life of Richard Bernard: Richard Bernard was born in Tudor Epworth and became a great figure amongst the puritans and separatists under James I based mainly at Gainsborough and Worksop. Later he became a great writer, influenced John Bunyan and his daughter helped found a state in America. Today he is best-known for his authoritative guide on witches, based on his experience in Worksop!

Rebels and Radicals: the turbulent early Quakers from Notts: the Quakers were the most radical religious group of their day, challenging law and order wherever they went. They began in Mansfield with George Fox, their first meeting place was probably in Skegby, and their first 'martyr' was James Parnell of Retford. They travelled the world, courting controversy wherever they went and often they went to prison and suffered beatings.

Historical Highlights from Bassetlaw: the Bassetlaw region of North Notts is little known, yet it is an area with an amazing history full of battles, bravery, scandal and...some beautiful places. This is a personal selection of the most interesting places in the area and what they can tell us about its history.

Historical Highlights from Newark and Sherwood: this is a personal selection of the most interesting historical sites in Newark and Sherwood District – lost medieval fragments, forgotten villages, vanished castles, the forgotten world of the medieval fishpond and much more! Lots of pictures and ideas for doing some exploring of your own.

The Capricious Trent – the Battle between People and the River Trent: the course of the lower River Trent from Farndon and Averham to Gainsborough and beyond has seen some remarkable events in English history as people have struggled to keep it under control. This talk introduces you to the lost channels, great floods and little village ferries that illustrate the course of this most intriguing of England's rivers.

Myths and Legends of the 'Mayflower' Story: the 'Mayflower' story is one that has 'grown in the telling' with many false claims and even monuments in the wrong place. This entertaining talk examines some of the 'red herrings' of the story including some shameless profiteering and examples of deliberate distortion of the truth.

Rebellious Women of Nottinghamshire: this talk compares two generations of Nottinghamshire women who fought against 'the system'. The first generational example is of the puritan women who supported their husbands to take on the Monarchy and to then survive amidst the wilds of New England. The comparison is made with radical, working-class preaching women in Nottingham in the early 1800s – who featured at one of the best-known public executions and then inspired the novelist George Eliot, until they were put back into their place by repressive men!

Some Nottinghamshire Artists: enjoy some paintings of the county and hear the stories of local artists who enjoyed success or failure along the way. Some you will have heard of, some are now pretty obscure, but all are interesting in their own ways.

Dr Rowena Edlin-White: A professional author, researcher and speaker for over twenty-five years, specialising in local history, women's history and the region's forgotten authors. Currently taking only daytime bookings. Contact ro@edlin-white.net for more details.

Four Forgotten Nottingham Authors: Muriel Hine, Cecil Roberts, John Collis Snaith & Dorothy Whipple were all best-sellers in their day. **Note:** other combinations of writers available from my book, *Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers* (Five Leaves).

The Sherwood Forest Group: Early 19th century radical ruralists, Robert Millhouse, Spencer T. Hall, Lucy Joynes, Joanna Williams and the rest – a fascinating bunch.

William and Mary Howitt, a Literary Marriage: Quaker couple among the most celebrated writers of their age; radical in their politics, they wrote more than 160 books between them.

No Surrender! Women's Suffrage in Nottinghamshire: Our very own suffragists and suffragettes; stirring stories of intrepid women – and some men!

Grace's Diary: the Journal of Grace Jane Dexter 1884-93: the life and aspirations of a young teacher, befriended by Florence Nightingale. Late Victorian Nottingham & Derbyshire, in her own words.

Spinster of No Occupation? Mary Ellen Shaw 1859-1926: the life of an energetic woman who worked to improve social conditions in Nottingham at the end of the Victorian era.

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Any money I raise from this activity is regarded as a donation to support the work of the 'Friends of Moor Pond Woods'. [<http://moorpond.papplewick.org>]

'A thread in the web of time: the archaeology of the 18th century cotton mills at Papplewick' Over the last 20 years archaeological exploration has provided evidence about how the cotton mills in the Leen Valley were supplied with water, and how the system was modified to account for changing circumstances. The talk reports and discusses the progress of the work.

'A London Boy at Mr Robinson's mill' The story of the child workers who were brought from workhouses to work in these early factories.

'Spinning yarns: the history and operation of the cotton mills at Papplewick' A talk focussing on the history and operation of the spinning mills in the period 1778 – 1828. This was the first site in the World to use a steam engine to provide rotary motion in a textile factory.

'From bluebells to blue-tits: the natural habitats of Moor Pond Woods' A review of the varied habitats of this Nottinghamshire local nature reserve and discussion about how it is managed and maintained.

'From Marylebone to Massachusetts: the life and times of Henry Leonard' Recounting the story of a Nottinghamshire textile worker from his recruitment in the 1790s, through his employment to his eventual emigration in the 1850s.

'Bulwell, 1750-1880: Industrialisation and urbanisation in the Leen valley' Exploring the evidence for the development of a Nottingham suburb.

'Moving On: Investigating the migration of mill workers to Darley Abbey' Darley Abbey was a planned industrial hamlet built on a green-field site at the end of the 18th century. This talk looks at the evidence from censuses and parish registers to explore the migration of early factory workers.

'The history and heritage of Gedling Borough' Gedling Borough is one of the administrative districts of Nottinghamshire. This talk explores the history and development of the various places that make up the district.

Bob Massey:

BOB MASSEY provides talks at various venues including in pubs:

Maggy Watkins can be contacted at talksandtours@gmail.com or by mobile: 07950167821. Her talks are fully illustrated and include:

- * The Mayflower Pilgrims
- * Mayflower New Beginnings - notable characters, myths and firearms in America
- * Katherine Swynford the Scandalous Duchess

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- The River Trent in the Countryside and in History
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Lace Industry
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Mining Industry
- A Brief History of the Nottinghamshire Tobacco Industry
- Truths and Myths of Robin Hood and His Merry Men

Martin Stott is a former BBC journalist who has made programmes for Radio 4 and the World Service from 21 countries. He is the co-editor of *By Any Other Name*, the heritage rose journal of the World Federation of Rose Societies and writes the garden history blog: www.storyteller garden.co.uk.

Fees go towards the restoration of the garden at Bromley House Library. Martin is a trustee of the library. Contact: Martin.Stott@bulletin.co.uk

- The humour of Hole – Nottinghamshire vicar Samuel Reynolds Hole (1819-1904), celebrated preacher, rosarian, horticulturalist and author of the immensely popular *A Book about Roses*, was the first organiser of the National Rose Show and president of the world's first National Rose Society. Hear the life story of this giant (in all respects) of the Victorian gardening world through his humorous writing.

- The history of the rose – The fossil record suggest roses have been around for at least 25 million years. This is a potted history of the nation's favourite flower and the amazing characters involved in its evolution, including two Nottinghamshire horticultural heroes.
- Nottingham's 'Royal' Garden – In the centre of Nottingham, hidden from sight, lies a rare Georgian town garden that was created in 1752 by Mary Howe – a direct descendant of King James I – and George Smith, of the famous Nottingham banking family. The garden is part of Grade 2*-listed Bromley House, now the home of a fabulous subscription library. This is the story of Bromley House, the library and of the plans to restore its precious gem of a garden.

Chris Weir is an author, local historian and archivist. Chris offers a wide variety of talks and will also lead historical walking tours around Nottingham city centre and inner suburbs. His website gives more details and images relating to his talks.

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- Lace, Slums & The Occasional Riot! The Making of Victorian Nottingham
- The Story of Boots (Jesse Boot, Florence and the Company).
- A Woman's Lot. Women's History in Nottinghamshire, 1550-1950.
- The People's War in Nottinghamshire (The Home Front WW2).
- The Nottinghamshire Heritage (Landscapes, Buildings and Communities).
- Rambling Into History (The History of Walking, Footpaths and Landscapes).
- Secrets, Mysteries & Curiosities of Nottinghamshire
- Mud, Munitions & Memorials. (Nottinghamshire & WW1)
- Nottinghamshire's Dark Side
- The Cattle Market, Nottinghamshire
- From Green Fields to an Inner Suburb, The Growth of Forest Fields.

Graham Woodward: contact via gwoodward@clara.co.uk

I am a board member of Nottingham Civic Society and a 'local historian' living in Wollaton. I have been photographing Nottingham since the late 1970s and have over 10,000 images of the city past and present.

- Canals around Nottm – how and when they were built and how they work.
- Cinemas of Nottm – a detailed look at Nottm's 57 cinemas.
- Picture Wollaton – Wollaton Village in postcards with a short history of postcards in Britain
- Wollaton Park Housing Estate – a history of the development of the first Garden Suburb estate in the city by T.C. Howitt
- Hyson Green – the Shoppingham of the East Midlands
- Radford – an industrial heartland
- Old Nottingham – a look at the small number (45) of pre-1700 buildings in the city
- Post Office Letter Boxes – the history of their development
- And coming soon – coal mining in Trowell, Cossall and Wollaton.

I also do walks:

- The Lace Market

- Nottingham Canal in the city
- Theatres and Music Halls
- Wollaton Village.

Talks are priced at £20 and walks at £3 per person. All proceeds go to local (Wollaton) charity projects. I can provide my own projector, screen and audio kit or use host facilities.

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Lucy offers talks on the architecture of Nottingham

- Watson Fothergill: A virtual tour of Nottingham
- Watson Fothergill and his buildings in Mansfield
- Watson Fothergill in Nottingham's Park Estate
- On the trail of Thomas Chambers Hine
- TC Howitt's Council House
- The architecture of the Victorian Lace Market

Lucy is a tour guide and art history researcher who began leading walking tours focused on architecture in 2018. The popular Watson Fothergill Walk (<https://watsonfothergillwalk.com>) looks at the architect's buildings from the late Victorian period in Nottingham. This was followed by tours looking at Fothergill's domestic architecture, the city centre buildings of Thomas Chambers Hine and illustrated talks on the lives and works of other architects.

Lucy has presented illustrated talks to audiences at Nottinghamshire Archives and Inspire Libraries, Local History Societies in Farnsfield, Ilkeston and Mansfield, as well as to U3A groups in Mapperley and Wollaton, and online versions to Nottingham City Women's Institute and Bromley House Library.

Lucy is available to provide tours to groups in Nottingham and talk to groups in Nottinghamshire (and surrounding areas). She is based near Mansfield but can travel and has flexible availability. Talks can also be given on Zoom. Lucy also undertakes research projects looking at individual building histories, specialising in Victorian architecture.

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