



NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Di Slaney of Bilsthorpe won first prize in the Slipstream Poets competition, 2024, for her Nottinghamshire-themed poem about the Papplewick Mill.

[Elizabeth Fortescue provides her numbers for the Factory Inspector's Report, 1834](#)

by Di Slaney

Yes sir, I went into a factory when I was six years old, Mr Robinson's of Papplewick, a mill for spinning cotton. I was small for my age sir, and my father had been told that I could fit between the frames without being hurt to collect up the loose fluff. The hours were six to seven with an hour for dinner, and I was there eleven years. I picked the fluff, then became a little piecer to mend the threads. I worked for Mary Ellis when her niece grew up too big, then I met my John while he was scutching. Though we had nothing much between us we married at nineteen. John came up from London and the workhouse, he started little here like me with all the new machines. Altogether I was twenty years at Robinson's in their mills for spinning cotton, sir. I began with carding and roving then came to spinning and doubling. I liked the carding

best even though fluff covered me day through night. Spinning barefoot in the oil was worse than piecing, I feared that I would slip and fall upon the spindles or do some harm to the machines. After all that trouble with the frameworkers, I was then at Farnifields of Edingley for thirteen months and next we came here, sir. I am a reeler at this Nottingham mill now. I wind the thread onto the bobbins, mind the warp goes to the beamer and the weft goes to the weaving shed. I begin work at six and finish at nine. I am forty-nine. My health was very good until long after I was married but within these last ten years it has failed me. I am subject to sick headaches and generally weaker, although I still keep up these hours and laugh with the young quillers in the winding room. I've borne seven children in my time, sir, just five living, but think I don't look much amiss for forty-nine, many people have said that. Will your book list me by name, sir? I learned my letters as a little piecer. Let me get this fluff off your top hat.

Robinson Brothers' Papplewick Mill (sometimes known as Castle Mill) was a 2000 spindle Arkwright-style water mill and its transformation may have been the work of Nottingham millwright Thomas Lowe, who also erected engines for Boulton & Watt. Papplewick was the first cotton mill to have a rotative steam engine in 1785-6 (I have seen both dates quoted in varying sources) – it had an impressive 10HP capability. This makes it of great importance internationally in the process of industrialisation. Yet it was not a great success.

There were fears that the flywheel could reverse itself and damage machinery, which did occur at Papplewick and put others off using it until a solution could be found. The initial B & W engines were of poor quality. The B & W marketing strategy was to convince leading figures in the industry to use them and then this would encourage others, so George and John Robinson were very much pioneers – and suffered as a result. Robinsons found their steam engines expensive to run and preferred waterpower: the early success of Boulton & Watt was not assured. Later, like many of the early Nottinghamshire cotton mills, it was adapted to grind grain.

Papplewick represents a key moment in the history of the county where it seemed poised to become a centre for the cotton industry, with other ventures at Lowdham, Fiskerton, Gamston near Retford and Farnsfield. However, most ventures on the eastern side of Nottinghamshire relied on water power, including Cartwright's doomed attempt at Retford, and local water was not reliable; when forced to consider steam later, as at Retford, the costs made the area uncompetitive with Lancashire.

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.

Contact: David Barton – NLHA Secretary at secretary@nlha.org.uk.

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

CONTRIBUTIONS to the NLHA Newsletter can be sent to: newsletter@nlha.org.uk



NLHA HISTORY FORUM, 13TH APRIL



Programme

- 9.30am Registration and Refreshments
 10.00am Welcome
 10.15am Martin Stott: The Humour of Hole
 11.30am Kate Foster: DH Lawrence, Jessie Chambers and the Hags Farm connection
 12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls
 1.15pm Nottinghamshire Local History Association AGM
 1.45pm Jeremy Lodge: Stories of the Nottingham to Lincoln Railway and its neighbours
 3.00pm Adrian Gray: Worksop, Witches and a place in American History: the life of Richard Bernard
 4.00pm Close

Book and Display Stands

If you would like a Book or Display stand, please contact Jeremy Lodge at jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk The stands are free, but all stand holders should buy a Forum ticket. Stands will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Martin Stott, the former Radio 4 journalist, presents the story of Samuel Reynolds Hole, a Nottinghamshire vicar whose writings and activities promoting the rose helped make it the most popular flower in Victorian England. Martin, author of the Storytellinggarden history blog, uses Hole's writing to bring his remarkable story to life and shows how his influence is felt still in our gardens today.

Kate Foster is a Derbyshire born and bred English teacher with a love of reading and an admiration of D.H. Lawrence. She has been secretary of the Hags Farm Preservation Society since 2019 and is proud to be involved in bringing to print the HFPS latest publication: *Lawrence's Muse, Jessie Chambers Wood through her own writing*. D.H. Lawrence will always be associated with his birthplace Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, but just as important to his development as a writer is nearby Hags Farm, Underwood, home to the Chambers family, where he found his first incentive to write. The talk explores the literary and historical connections of Hags Farm and its preservation issues.

Jeremy Lodge, having worked in the public sector in Nottinghamshire for the whole of his career, deserted our county to complete his MA in English Local History at Leicester. He is currently a Trustee of NLHA and Collingham and District LHS, amongst others. As well as editing Collingham's journal *The Irregular*, he also writes for NLHA's 'Historian' and other Nottinghamshire magazines. He is currently writing his fifth book, the working title of which is 'Collingham and East of the Trent: Saxon's, Vikings and Domesday'.

Adrian Gray is a Cambridge history graduate and author of around 30 books, including several dealing with Nottinghamshire and the heritage of the Pilgrims; he leads the Pilgrims & Prophets community history group in North Nottinghamshire.

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!

Saturday 13th April 10am to 4:00pm at the Village Hall, Ravenshead, NG15 9BN.

Lots of interesting sessions - see attached programme.

Booking:

£9.00 for NLHA members and £10.00 for non-members

Tickets from Eventbrite:

<https://tinyurl.com/3fbu88nr>

For further information on the Forum, please contact Dave Barton at secretary@nlha.org.uk

Breach House, 28 Garden Road, Eastwood

This Victorian miner's house which is depicted as the 'Bottoms' in D H Lawrence's semi autobiographical novel Sons & Lovers, was his childhood home between 1887 & 1891 & the ground floor is largely unchanged from that time. There is no charge for admission but donations towards the upkeep are welcome.

The house will be open on the following Saturdays - 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October. 11.00a.m to 3.00p.m.



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](#)



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.

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

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

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

April 2nd 2024 Ian Morgan: Within site of the Gibbet

May 7th 2024 Adrian Gray: Historical highlights from Newark & Sherwood

June 4th 2024 John Whitfield: Remembering the 50's. Did we have it so good?

July 2nd 2024 John North: Derbyshire Days

August 6th 2024 Paul Mann: Vikings on the Trent

September 3rd 2024 David Speed: Medieval Kings & Sherwood Forest

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

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

STOP PRESS: CHANGE IN ADVERTISED PROGRAMME:
May 20th will now be: "Sport on the Forest" from Mr Stephen LeMottee

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.
Refreshments available.

See our website for further details
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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: derekriqby25@hotmail.com

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

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

East Leake & District Local History Society

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

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 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

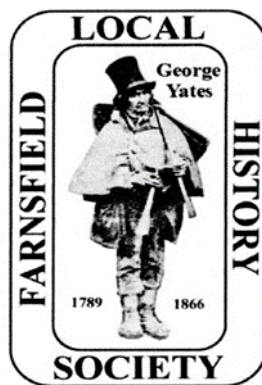
Life in the Ice Age; Witch Marks: Art in the Ice Age

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.

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 Campbell

	John will bring a selection of antique surgical instruments, equipment & photographs	
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	

HARBY

Harby History Group started over 20 years ago. We meet in Harby Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month (apart from July, August & December).

Contact: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk

KEYWORTH

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

LAMBLEY

- Apr 22nd Graham Hayes – Lost Houses in Nottingham
- May 12th Steve Wright – Guided tour of Burton Joyce
- Jun 18th Visit to the Manuscripts and Special Collections
- Jul 10th Visit to the Nottingham Transport heritage Centre
- Sep 23rd Bennerley Viaduct talk
- Oct 28th Mike Ogden - History of the Houses of Parliament
- Nov 25th David Skillen - Pilots n' Petticoats

All talks take place at Lowdham WI Hall on a Monday evening, start at 7.30 and are followed by tea or coffee afterwards. New members and guests always welcome. Full details at www.lambleyheritage.co.uk

Lowdham Local History Society

Meetings are normally at the WI Hall from 7.30pm.

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



Battlefields Trust -
East Midlands & Friends of
the National Civil War Centre



- **The New Model Army** – Dr. Andrew Abram
- **Cromwell's raid around Oxford** – Gregg Archer
- **The Battle of Naseby Campaign** – Mark Linnell
- **Montrose's Campaigns, including the battles of Kilsyth & Philiphaugh** – Dr. Edward Furgol

27th April 2024 – 10.00am to 4.40pm
At the National Civil War Centre, Newark

Tickets can be booked via **Eventbrite**:

Members: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/505494837667>

Non-Members: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/505499762397>

If anyone requires a booking form contact **Kevin Winter** on **07748577506**

NOTTINGHAM HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

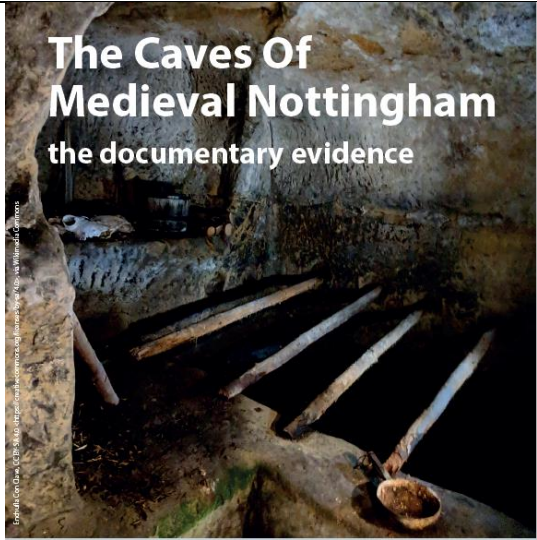
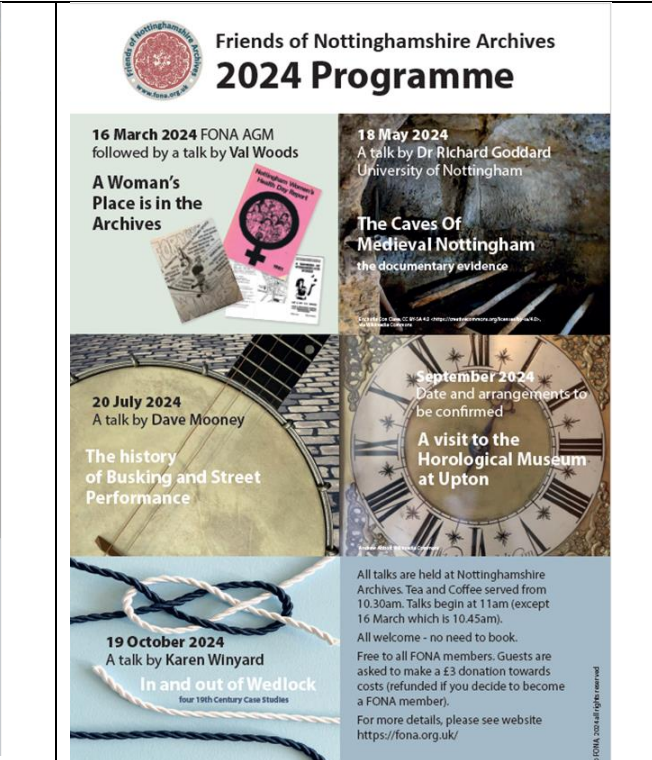
We have a working party on a Tuesday morning from 11-1pm, if anyone is interested and would like to join us recording the finds and reassembling the pottery. no experience required as training will be given.

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

Contact: pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com

Friends of Nottingham Archives



 <p>The Caves Of Medieval Nottingham the documentary evidence</p> <p>Dr Richard Goddard, Nottingham University. Nottingham has been known for its vast system of caves since the Early Middle Ages. Richard's talk examines Nottingham's medieval caves using the borough court rolls and other records held by the Nottinghamshire Archives. These reveal a huge amount of information about what the caves were used for, who owned them and their value to their owners. Importantly they reveal the experiences of everyday living in medieval Nottingham.</p> <p>Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives 11.00am, Saturday 18 May 2024, Nottinghamshire Archives.</p> <p>All welcome - no need to book. Free to all FONA members. Guests are asked to make a £3 donation towards costs (refunded if you decide to become a FONA member). Tea/coffee served from 10.30am.</p>	 <p>Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives 2024 Programme</p> <p>16 March 2024 FONA AGM followed by a talk by Val Woods A Woman's Place is in the Archives</p> <p>18 May 2024 A talk by Dr Richard Goddard University of Nottingham The Caves Of Medieval Nottingham the documentary evidence</p> <p>20 July 2024 A talk by Dave Mooney The history of Busking and Street Performance</p> <p>19 October 2024 A talk by Karen Winyard In and out of Wedlock Four 19th Century Case Studies</p> <p>September 2024 Date and arrangements to be confirmed A visit to the Horological Museum at Upton</p> <p>All talks are held at Nottinghamshire Archives. Tea and Coffee served from 10.30am. Talks begin at 11am (except 16 March which is 10.45am). All welcome - no need to book. Free to all FONA members. Guests are asked to make a £3 donation towards costs (refunded if you decide to become a FONA member). For more details, please see website https://fona.org.uk/</p>
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Nottingham Industrial Heritage Association

Venue: YMCA International Community Centre

61B Mansfield Road

Nottingham NG1 3FN

A Derbyshire railway outing using a 1920s timetable

Robert Mee 7:30pm Thursday 14 March 2024

Brickmaking in Nottingham

Edward Gripper and the TC Hine connection

Jeff Sheard 7:30pm Thursday 18 April 2024

Industrial fires of Nottingham

David Needham 7:30pm Thursday 16 May 2024

Everyone Welcome

Members £2.00

Guests £5.00 (cash only)

www.niha.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

When: Saturday 13th April 2024 at 1.45 pm

What: Talk "Elsie Inglis, Scottish medical doctor, surgeon, suffragist, founder of the Scottish Women's Hospitals and first woman to hold the Serbian Order of the White Eagle" by Carole Powell

Where: Central Library, 1 Carrington Street, Nottingham NG1

When: Sunday 12th May 2024

What: Mo Cooper will lead a walk "Poverty, Prosperity and Politics

Where: Meet at Nottingham Castle gate at 2 pm

When: Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 6.30pm

What: Miriam Jackson will lead a walk "Women at the University of Nottingham"

Where: tbc

When: Sunday July 14th 2024 at 6.30pm

What: Ro Edlin-White will lead a walk about some Nottingham Women Authors

Where: Meet at right Lion, Old Market Square, Nottingham

When: Sunday 22nd September 2024 at 2pm

What: Miriam Jackson will lead a walk "Women at the University of Nottingham"

Where: tbc

When: October tbc

What: Mo Cooper will talk about Miss Morrison's School of Dance

Where: International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3FN

No need to book, but NWHG ask for a £5 donation for each event.

For more information and updates:

www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk

email: nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com

Nottingham: other events

From Nottingham Civic Society:

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

<p>Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society</p> <p>Slavery, Capitalism and the Industrial Revolution</p>  <p>A talk by Professor Maxine Berg</p> <p>Maxine Berg's and Pat Hudson's new book, <i>Slavery, Capitalism and the Industrial Revolution</i> overturns settled orthodoxies about Western industrialisation. It takes a global history approach and centres the place of African enslaved labour. It provides a deep history of inequalities of race, class and geography that have characterised Britain and the rest of the world for the last three centuries.</p> <p>Saturday 27th April 2024, 2.00 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m.</p> <p>The Irish Centre 2-4 Wilford St, Nottingham NG2 1AA</p> <p>Non-members welcome Refreshments available</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86199011359</p> <p><small>For more information, please contact roger.tanner@shoo.co.uk www.nthshoo.wordpress.com</small></p>	 <p>ARKWRIGHT SOCIETY AT SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT'S CROMFORD MILLS</p> <p>Solidarity: Working Class Organisation in the Derwent Valley 1800-1850</p>  <p>Speaker: Roger Tanner</p> <p>Roger is a researcher with the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Labour History Society. In this talk, he will discuss some of the evidence he has uncovered concerning the lives of the working people in the lower Derwent Valley, especially in Belper and Cromford.</p> <p>Wednesday 27th March 7.30 p.m. Gothic Warehouse Mill Road, Cromford DE4 3RQ</p> <p>Doors open 7.00, parking available in Cromford Mill (across the road from the Wharf)</p> <p>Light refreshments provided Tickets £5.00</p> <p>https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/highlighting-heritage/</p> 
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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 April 2024

Society Auction

Monday 8th July 2024

Annual General Meeting

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

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 \(suttonontrent.org.uk\)](#)

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.

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
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

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- 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.

Dangerous 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:

Arnold old town walk starting at the Robin Hood and Little John at 2pm on March 24th and the pub talk at the Abdication on Mansfield rd Daybrook at 7pm on the 28th March.

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.storytelligarden.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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