



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

June 2024



BOW AND ARROW MAKING AT EDWINSTOWE

Many of our readers may recognise this image as being one of the old 'Shell' series of pictures from across Britain. It shows a bow and arrow making workshop at Edwinstowe in 1966, although it seems like shields are being made as well.

In the background we can see Edwinstowe's famous church, best known of course as "where Robin and Marian got married" if you believe that sort of thing! There is also Edwinstowe Hall, largely an 18th Century building that was in the 'second rank' of Sherwood houses – rather like the hall at Ollerton. It changed hands around the various families –

Newcastles, Portlands and Manvers all owned it at various times. In 1919 it was put up for sale and was bought by the Bolsover Colliery Company as a welfare centre.

Perhaps the most exciting night in its history occurred in 1886. An issue had arisen about the servants pilfering items from the Hall and so a constable 'staked out the joint' at night to see what he could see. He saw the butler carrying a parcel over to the gardener's house. The next morning the butler told Captain Alexander, who was leasing the house, that there had been a burglary of several valuable items. The butler must have been horrified to then be arrested for stealing them! Amazingly, there had been a separate burglary the very same night by more professional thieves who had made off to Sheffield and Leeds with the goods. The servants were acquitted but the thieves were 'sent down'.

The 1966 picture dates from when the firm of Marksman Archery Products was based there, run by Mr Lesley Howis. KG Archery also developed out of this business and is still operating at Walesby. So, if Robin is still around, he has plenty of local resources to draw upon.

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

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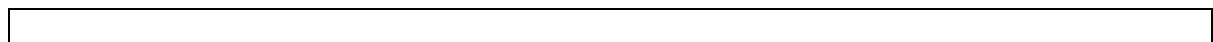


175 years of shopping at Boots – new exhibition reveals the history of Nottingham’s iconic brand

‘Health for a Shilling,’ Cold Cream and Epsom Salts, No17, home brew kits and meal deals. The iconic products and adverts, from bygone days to the modern era, invoke memories for all of us of Boots.

To mark the 175th anniversary of the company’s founding – which is inherently linked to the social and economic history of Nottingham – a brand new exhibition, exploring how shopping has changed over the last nearly two centuries, will open at Lakeside Arts’ Djanogly Gallery on 3 May and will run until 21 July 2024, and is free to visit.

Part design show, part social history, [Counter Culture](#) explores the transformation of Boots from the neighbourhood Victorian chemist to the out-of-town superstores of the 1980s and beyond. It will also show the shifting dynamics of high-street healthcare and retail experiences.



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 - 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October. 11.00a.m to 3.00p.m.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Museum of the Horse, Tuxford.

Did you know that the Museum of the Horse is all about our history? Everybody who travels in any form has connections with horse history. Many of our buildings are related to the horse. When you move house many of our well-known companies were formed with horses. Our clothing industry was connected to very early horse transport. Agriculture, industry, mining and of course military, were all connected to the history of the horse. Many of our sayings come from the world of the horse. Did you know ‘*Crestfallen*’, ‘*Hobson’s Choice*’ and ‘*Dropped Off*’ all come straight from the horse? If not, is it time you visited the Museum in Tuxford to find out more? From June, the Museum will be celebrating its 10th anniversary with events, exhibitions and family open days giving you the perfect opportunity to visit.

The Museum, situated in an old Posting House on the original old Great North Road in Tuxford, North Nottinghamshire was opened ten years ago in June 2014, by Sally Mitchell, better known for her art dealing, print publishing and the books she has written. Now almost 80, Sally created the Museum single handedly and it has won many accolades including a Heritage award, appeared on TV shows Bargain Hunt and Antiques Road Trip and has been hailed by The Club International D’Eperonnerie as

one of the most comprehensive Horse museums in Europe. It appears on their website alongside such renowned museums as The Metropolitan in New York and the Hermes in Paris.

Sally commented: "Having visited the horse museums in Verden, Germany and Saumur in France, I thought it was a great shame that England, a great equestrian country, didn't have a museum of the horse. It has the racing museum at Newmarket and the Royal Armouries in Leeds, which both have superb collections of a specialised area, none have the full history of the horse. The Museum of the Horse houses collections from 600 BC through Roman and Medieval times to the present day and covers items from many parts of the world. It has sections on North and South America, Africa and India, China and Tibet, Japan and Indonesia. It has dedicated sections on Coaching, Veterinary, Children's items, Racing, Shoeing, Agriculture, Industry and Military. It is an amazingly comprehensive collection with many very rare items. I would challenge anyone to be able to say they had seen every item before. People are amazed at the diversity and size of the collections. Nine rooms and nearly two thousand items on show."

The Museum is a collection for all ages. Recently a little girl of seven wrote in the visitor's book: "The best and most interesting thing in the world!" Older visitors say how they are reminded of things they saw in their youth. It really is a collection to intrigue anyone with an interest in history and curiosities.

The Museum produces talks, on-line and in-house and is also an ideal place for group visits which can be booked by appointment. A fascinating curious objects quiz in which items can be handled and your knowledge challenged, can be arranged. With its own spacious car park behind the museum and a coffee shop in the courtyard offering delicious light lunches and cream teas with homemade cakes, it is a lovely way to spend a few hours. In the summer there is a delightful courtyard, overlooked by the Museum's Mail Coach, where you can sit for lunch or just a coffee. There is also the internationally known Sally Mitchell art gallery on the floor below the museum with animal and country themed paintings, prints and cards.

As part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, the Museum will be holding an exhibition of recent acquisitions to the collection from 9th June to the end of August. The anniversary opening is taking place on Sunday 9th June 2pm – 4.00pm with the Museum open 6 days a week 9.30am – 4.00pm Monday – Friday and 9.30am – 1.30pm Saturdays. From 9th – 15th September there will be a Heritage Open Day event with a Coaching exhibition of the history of our roads and of our coaching town, Tuxford, accompanied by talks. For more information visit the website www.museumofthehorse.co.uk or follow us on Facebook, Pinterest or Instagram, 'Museum of the Horse'. Entry is free but donations are very much appreciated as the museum has no outside funding.

For more information, please contact:

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www.museumofthehorse.co.uk

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The Museum of the Horse, Tuxford.



***Silver South American Bit with
matching Snare***



***Rare 18thC Hunting Horn
made by Wialew of London.***

Continued...



***Christening whip, often given as
presents during Victorian times.***



***Rare pair of bronze spurs.
Late 16thC or early 17thC.***



One of nine rooms at the Museum.



Rare Early Snaffle 15th Century.



Rare Bronze Bit 7th-4thC BC.



Side Saddle Habit circa 1890.



Rare Roman Hippo Sandal. The Hippo sandal was the Roman's first attempt to make iron shoes for horses. They were trying to emulate the rush slipper that was the only horseshoe in use at the time. After all, it would have been an odd person who would think you could nail something onto a living creature! This sandal is particularly rare because it has studs formed into the sole of the shoe. They were probably the first studs ever used and would have been to prevent the horse slipping on the paved roads.

HISTORY WALK AND TALK EVENTS IN JULY


<p>PILGRIMS & PROPHETS CHRISTIAN HERITAGE TOURS</p>	<p>HISTORY WALK AND TALK: CARLTON ON TRENT</p>
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THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF CARLTON ON TRENT

We explore the historic 'Great North Road' village of Carlton on Trent where river, road and railway all pass by! A gracious church, some fascinating old coaching inns with some scandalous history, an impressive mill plus the option of a walk across the famous 'Holmes'. Find out about the eccentric Pocklington, a mystery sword and the ferry across the Trent with local historian Adrian Gray.

- Two dates – 6th and 13th July
- 10am until approx. 12.45;
- Walking distance approx. 2-3 miles if going on the full circuit (option not to!)
- Cost £8.50 per head, includes contribution to Carlton church
- We hope that coffee will be available at the church for an additional contribution

<p>Reserve by email (talksandtours@gmail.com), by phone to Maggy on 07950 167821, including your contact details. Once confirmed you can also pay by internet. <i>We cannot hold a place for you if you have not paid by one week before the walk.</i></p>	
<p>WEATHER: if constant very heavy rain (rather than light drizzle) is forecast the night before, then we may contact you to re-arrange the walk.</p>	

THOROTON SOCIETY EXCURSIONS

Visit to the 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath on 12th June

The 1620s House & Garden, formally known as Donington Le Heath Manor House, is one of the oldest houses in Leicestershire and was built around 1290 by a lawyer named Robert de Herle and passed to the Digby family about 1320. The most famous Digby family member was Sir Everard Digby, who was executed for his part in the conspiracy to kidnap Princess Elizabeth from Coombe Abbey following the intended blowing up of King James and Parliament in the Gunpowder Plot (1605).

The excursion will include a guided tour of both the house and gardens. The house and garden have been restored to their 17th century appearance. It is planned as a whole day excursion to allow free time to wander around the site after the guided tours.

Lunch: There is a tearoom which serves a limited menu. The choice for lunch is either homemade vegetable soup and a roll, or a selection of sandwiches or both soup and a selection of sandwiches. Tea or filter coffee is included. The soup is suitable for vegans. Cake is also available.

To book a place for this excursion please [download the flier](#), cut off and return the form by 31st May 2024 or ASAP to Ruth Strong, 8, Ousebridge Drive, Carlton Nottingham NG4 3BJ. Alternatively, scan the completed form and email the image to ruthstrong4@gmail.com followed by a postal booking with payment. Payment can be by bank transfer (preferred) or cheque. Bank details are: **Sort code; 40-35-18. Account number; 61818929.** Please use the reference 1620HOUSE followed by your surname. Cheques should be made payable to The Thoroton Society but will not be cashed until after the excursion. Forms will be destroyed after use.

Cost: Concession prices apply to those over 60, students or disabled persons.

- Including a soup or sandwich lunch £35. Concessions £34.
- Including both soup and sandwich lunch £39, Concessions £38. There will be a discount for Carers.

Pick-up: 09.00 from the Theatre Royal drop-off layby. (Around the corner from the tram stop)

New feature: A second pick up point can be arranged if required at approximately 09.10, from the bus stop in Daybrook opposite The Vale pub.

Return: 16.00 to the pick-up point in Nottingham

Excursion to Beauvale Priory and DH Lawrence Country on 18th July

The Thoroton Society has a long association with Beauvale Priory. The first excavation at the site was carried out by the Society in 1908 and was mentioned tangentially in James Wright's book, 'Castles of Nottinghamshire'. The Society's last visit was in 2011.

Beauvale Priory is mentioned by D. H. Lawrence in two of his novels, referred to as 'The Abbey' and features in a short story 'A Fragment of Stained Glass'.

After this, the coach takes us to St Mary's Church Greasley for a guided tour of the church where the connections to the De Cantilupe family and the Priory can be seen. The D.H Lawrence Society meets in the church at times. There is no fee for the church tour but donations will be welcomed. They have a card reader. There are facilities for morning coffee or tea and cake at the Priory tearooms and at St Mary's Church. The walk to the pub for lunch is estimated to be 10 minutes but can be taken by coach.

After lunch at the Horse and Groom, the coach takes us to the D. H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum in Eastwood. This is a small museum in the house where D. H. Lawrence was born. The museum recreates a miner's house of the late 19th century. There are artefacts and paintings belonging to D. H. Lawrence.

Food: Lunch items need to be pre-booked. A menu will be circulated nearer the date. Please send your food choices to me.

To book a place for this excursion please [download the flier](#), cut off and return the form by 1st July 2024 or ASAP to Ruth Strong, 8, Ousebridge Drive, Carlton Nottingham NG4 3BJ. Alternatively, scan the completed form and email the image to ruthstrong4@gmail.com followed by a postal booking with payment. Payment can be by bank transfer (preferred) or cheque. Bank details are: **Sort code; 40-35-18. Account number; 61818929.** Please use the reference BEAUVALE followed by your surname. Cheques should be made payable to The Thoroton Society but will not be cashed until after the excursion. Forms will be destroyed after use.

Cost: £31 to include coach fare, tours of Beauvale Priory and D. H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum. Donations to the church are extra. Lunch is to be paid separately.

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New feature: A second pick-up point can be arranged if required at approximately 09.10, from the bus stop in Daybrook, opposite The Vale pub.

Return: 16.00 to the pick-up point in Nottingham.

Ruth Strong
Ruthstrong4@gmail.com

CHARITY WALKS WITH MO COOPER

Mo Cooper is leading a history walk in Sherwood as a fundraiser.

Thursday 6 June 2024, 6.30pm

Sherwood history walk - how it developed

All proceeds will go to the Helen Loewenstein Memorial Trust, a local charity that supports training for midwives in Liberia <http://www.hlmt.org.uk/>.

Meet in the car park of Sherwood community centre, NG5 3FN (please don't park there).

Approx 2 mile duration 90min

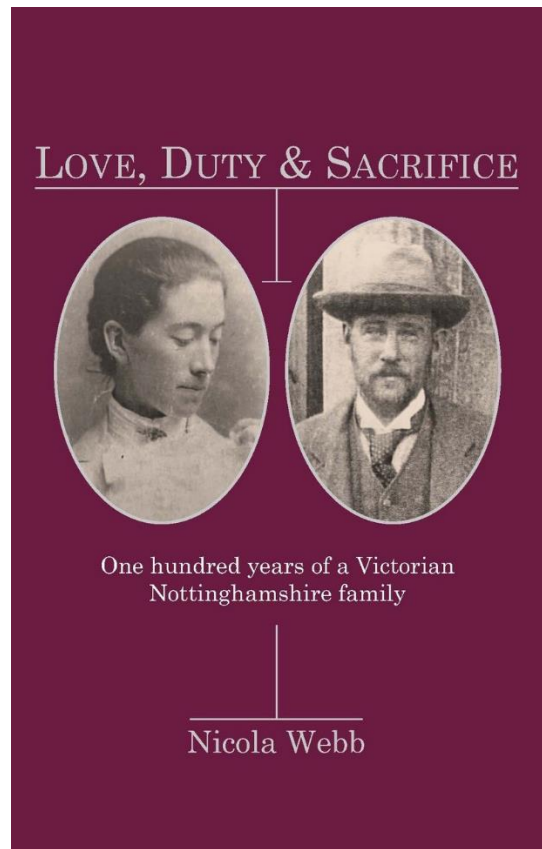
Learn about murder in the woods! Where did the paste board makers live? Where was the first Methodist chapel, the first library, our first brew house, Sherwood's back to backs?

Minimum donation £5 in advance

Further donations very welcome on the event

20 tickets available from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/57950?>

NEW BOOK!



In 1860 in Annesley, Nottinghamshire, John Patricius (Patrick) Chaworth-Musters is born, heir to a wealthy landowning and mining family. Worlds away, Mary Anne Sharpe is born into a poor family of rural straw plaiters In Bedfordshire.

Mary Anne joins the Chaworth-Musters household as a junior nursery housemaid in 1881. Less than two years later, aged twenty-three, Patrick gets twenty-year-old Mary Anne pregnant. His parents fail to part them, so send them to live in Norway, unwed, but away from 'polite society'.

Four years and four children later, Patrick inherits the family's vast estate early in life. Against all odds, he returns to England with Mary Anne and marries her, thus legitimising their children. She reluctantly takes on the daunting task of lady of the manor, controlling the very servants she'd so recently reported to. She succeeds brilliantly, being hailed as the 'Grande Dame' of county society yet feels an imposter for much of her life.

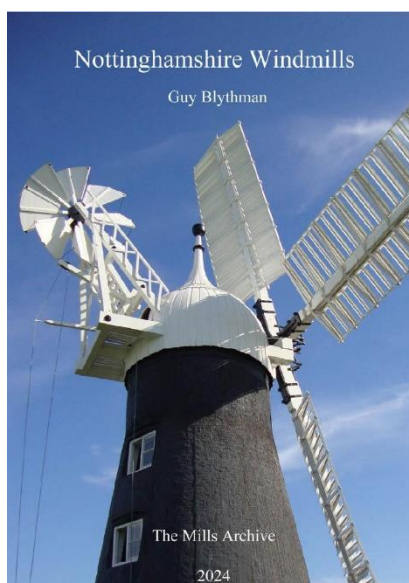
Happily matched, the couple have eleven children but lose three sons, a son-in-law, brother-in-law and a nephew in the Great War. This is a story of love, duty, and sacrifice, which within 100 years, leaves the dynasty shattered and the family's wealth drained.

Author, Nicola Webb's research soon revealed that the seemingly archetypal 'master and maid' story of Patrick and Mary Anne, was so much more than that and she felt compelled to bring the pair to life.

The book is the result of five year's painstaking research, which took her from Nottingham to Norfolk and Norway, as well as the various arenas of the Great War. Whilst the book is based on actual people and occurrences, Nicola has created some short scenes and dialogue surrounding key events, which bring the story to life in a touching way. Most poignant perhaps, are the chapters covering the couple's six sons in World War One. Here the words of their boys – ranging in age from only just 18 to 26 – bring the realities of the war to life.

Love, Duty & Sacrifice: One Hundred years of a Victorian Nottinghamshire family by Nicola Webb is available in print form (349 pages, £12.99) and Kindle (£3.99) on Amazon by searching for Nicola Webb or <https://amzn.to/3nJq730>

The Mills of Nottinghamshire

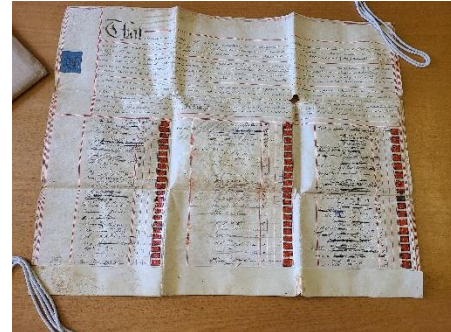


Nottinghamshire's long history of mills must be protected. Caring for the largest library and archive dedicated to mills and milling, the Mills Archive Trust has taken on the task. Nottinghamshire is teeming with historic sites from the first reference to a windmill in the county in 1222 to the present day with North Leverton Windmill—the only one in the UK to have been in continual commercial operation since 1813. This year, the Mills Archive received North Leverton's invaluable archival records, including its original subscription contract drawn up by entrepreneurial local farmers.

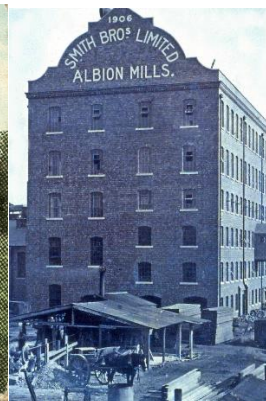
Our research publications explore our treasure trove of records with meticulous additional research. The latest, *Nottinghamshire Windmills* by Guy Blythman, is the first comprehensive survey of the county's milling history. Profusely illustrated and based on extensive research over several years, this book aims to fill the important gap, making use of all known information on sites past and present. Amusing anecdotes from the lives of those who worked the mills provide a glimpse into the social history, which is just as interesting as the technical side.

The Trust has 134 Nottinghamshire mill sites on our database and hundreds of related images and records. You can view them all and Guy Blythman's *Nottinghamshire Windmills* through our website at: millsarchive.org/nottinghamshire/

For stories discovered in our collections and interesting articles, you can sign up to our weekly newsletter at: millsarchive.org/newsletter/



The founding document of North Leverton Windmill (1813).



From traditional mills to modern roller flour mills: a mill on the River Idle, Retford (left) and Albion Mills, Worksop (right).



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](#)

LONDON ROAD STATION: I'm researching the history and later use(s) of GNR warehouses and would be very grateful for any information, or sources of information, that you/Nottinghamshire Historian may have on the warehouses behind the London Road LL station.

The one to the rear (which is not itself listed) is known as the James Alexander Warehouse – who was James Alexander for example

Paul Daly

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POLICE STATION: We have recently purchased a house that we originally thought was a house specifically built to house members of the police force back in the 1920's. However upon speaking to neighbours it turns out that the house may originally have been the actual police station itself. We were told there were prison cells beneath the house which were blocked up at some point in the past. We are really excited to open up the cells as to our mind it's such a lovely piece of history. The house is in Bircotes, Bassetlaw area of Nottinghamshire. Any advice as to how to find out more about the house and if we can look at plans or any kind would be amazing.

From: bleu.jakes@yandex.com



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.

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

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

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.

Bilborough: St Martin's History Group

We meet every second Tuesday in the month and our group is open to all locals past and present, many of whom were born in the area.

At each meeting we discuss aspects of Bilborough and Strelley life, usually from Victorian days to present. Our meetings start at 2.30pm and finish about 4.00, and we are trying to get going an evening talk at the church every month from 7.00pm.

For more information please email info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk

<p> ST MARTIN'S BILBOROUGH</p> <p><i>'Discovering our Hidden Treasures'</i></p> <p>Bilborough Local History Group ~ Evening Talks 2024 ~</p> <p>The Bombing of Nottingham City Centre</p> <p><i>Steve Lees tells of the devastation caused by the German Luftwaffe on the nights of May 8th and 9th 1941.</i></p>  <p>Tuesday 25th June 2024 7pm at St Martin's Church</p> <p>Admission £5 Refreshments £1</p> <p>Everyone welcome - no need to book</p> <p>For more information please email info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk</p> <p><i>Supported by the Friends of St Martin's Bilborough</i></p> <p> @stmartinsbillb www.stmartinsbilborough.org.uk  stmartinsbilborough</p> <p><small>St Martin's Church, St Martins Road, Off Strelley Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3BH</small></p>	<p> ST MARTIN'S BILBOROUGH</p> <p><i>'Discovering our Hidden Treasures'</i></p> <p>Bilborough Local History Group ~ Evening Talks 2024 ~</p> <p>A History of Motor Trade Buildings in Nottingham</p> <p>By Mike Wakerley</p>  <p>Tuesday 23rd July 2024 7pm at St Martin's Church</p> <p>Admission £5 Refreshments £1</p> <p>Everyone welcome - no need to book</p> <p>For more information please email info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk</p> <p><i>Supported by the Friends of St Martin's Bilborough</i></p> <p> @stmartinsbillb www.stmartinsbilborough.org.uk  stmartinsbilborough</p> <p><small>St Martin's Church, St Martins Road, Off Strelley Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3BH</small></p>
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BLIDWORTH MINERS WELFARE FUNCTION ROOM, MANSFIELD ROAD, BLIDWORTH, NOTTS

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

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

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
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

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.
11 September 2024 Tom Andrews

Policing in Nottingham

9 October 2024 Mo Cooper

Gedling House, from Georgian mansion to Buddhist Centre

13 November 2024 Steve Lemottee

Sport on the Forest Recreation Ground from the 17th Century

8 January 2025 Steve Wright

Victoria Station and the Great Central Railway

12 February 2025 Graham Hayes

Lost Houses of Nottingham

12 March 2025 Mike Chapman

Brick: A Journey Through Time

9 April 2025 David Speed

The Pentrich Revolution

14 May 2025 Peter Liddle

The Rutland Roman Villa Project

Contact: Christine Shepherd, Meetings Secretary 0115 9618840

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

East Leake & District Local History Society

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

June 19th

Follow the Moon & Stars

John Baird

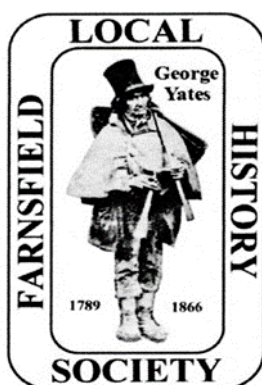
Elston Pentagon History Society

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 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.

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	Nicky Smith

	The story of the land girls of the waterways & the Women's Timber Corps of WW2	
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).

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KEYWORTH

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

LAMBLEY

- 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.

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

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Newark: other events

NOTTINGHAM

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Wollaton Hall Natural History Museum

Monthly meetings take place on Tuesday afternoons, commencing at 2pm in The Mechanics, North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. Non-members are welcome to join us and the charge is £3 per person.

Speakers and topics until December, 2024 are as follows:-

18th June: Charles Wheeler: Nottingham Industrial Museum

16th July: Sam Millard: Reason and Rhyme

No meeting in August

17th September: Bob Massey: Muriel & Bert: the story of Jessie Chambers

15th October: Keith Small: The River Trent in the countryside and in history

19th November: Adam Smith: The Wollaton Hall spirit jar collection

17th December: Kathy Powis: Mary Rose Trust

If you are interested in joining us, please contact janetlievesley@gmail.com

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



Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives
2024 Programme

16 March 2024 FONA AGM followed by a talk by Val Woods
A Woman's Place is in the Archives

18 May 2024
A talk by Dr Richard Goddard
University of Nottingham
The Caves Of Medieval Nottingham
the documentary evidence

20 July 2024
A talk by Dave Mooney
The history of Busking and Street Performance

19 October 2024
A talk by Karen Winyard
In and out of Wedlock
Four 19th Century Case Studies

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/>

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Nottingham Industrial Heritage Association

Venue: YMCA International Community Centre

61B Mansfield Road

Nottingham NG1 3FN

www.niha.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

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

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Nottingham: other events

From Nottingham Civic Society:

Venue: Tuesday evenings at 7.30 in the Nottingham Mechanics.

Watson Fothergill Walks

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

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)

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Monday 8th July 2024

Annual General Meeting

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

2024

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

Thoroton Society news

Nottinghamshire Mining Museum, Mansfield



The Nottinghamshire Mining Museum reopened on 27th April and is located in the East Unit, Mansfield Railway Station.

It is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

New exhibitions have been launched: 'The Pits' and 'Into the Light'.

'The Pits' Exhibition will be Shining a Light on the sacrifice of those Sherwood Colliery families who lost a loved one at the mine. We will also highlight the generosity of coalminers and their families and show how this generosity funded hospitals, colleges, parks, sports fields, public baths and much more for

the wider community.

Our 'Into the Light' Exhibition will feature the Notts Women Against Pit Closures Campaign in 1984-85 and will focus on how women's lives were transformed through the struggle to save their communities.

<https://www.nottsminingmuseum.org.uk/>

Fascinating finds from Nottingham's caves

'Nottingham is famous for its hundreds of caves which lie underneath the city's historic centre, carved into the sandstone rock, some going back to the medieval period.

These remarkable structures were used for a range of functions with archaeological finds discovered within caves, pits and wells that tell us about every aspect of daily life in the medieval and post-medieval city.

This exhibition highlights some of the fascinating cave finds, showing the ways in which caves were used for work – as places for tanning leather, brewing and storing ale, or craft-working – and as places of leisure, with impressive caves found underneath many of the city's famous pubs, inns and townhouses where people gathered to drink, eat and enjoy themselves.'

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/5954/fascinating-finds-from-nottinghams-caves.html>

Counter Culture: 175 Years of Shopping at Boots

'75 years ago, John Boot opened a herbalist store on Nottingham's Goose Gate. To mark this anniversary, Boots has partnered with the University of Nottingham to explore how shopping has evolved since 1849.

Part design show, part social history, *Counter Culture* explores changing experiences on the high street. From Victorian pharmacies to the superstores of the 1980s and beyond, Boots stores have reflected our shifting social needs, cultural aspirations, and patterns of everyday life.

Using historic objects, images and architecture, *Counter Culture* looks at the creation of modern shopping, from both sides of the counter. '

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/5987/counter-culture.html>

Nottinghamshire parish churches

The fourth in a series of short articles on our parish churches looks at **St Wilfrid's, Kingston-on-Soar**. The village of Kingston is 14 km (9 miles) south-west of the centre of Nottingham.



The church consists of a south-west embattled tower (with stair turret to the north-east), south aisle, south porch, chancel, chancel aisle and north vestry. It was largely rebuilt by the architect Richard Creed in 1900. The exception was the chancel and east chantry chapel which were taken down and rebuilt reusing the original stonework and carving. The work was commissioned by the landowner, Lord Belper, in memory of his son, William, who died in 1898 aged 23.



To the south of the chancel is the Babington Chantry Chapel of c.1540, 'one of the most remarkable chantry chapels in county and of national note.' The monument takes the form of a richly decorated canopy on four columns. There are no tombs and now it is not certain whether this was intended.

The rich decoration on the monument has been described as follows:

'In its extraordinary mass of fine carving, of wonderful variety, are shields and trailing vines, and about 200 tiny figures of babes in tuns, representing the family name in sculpture. Among them are 28 boys and girls forming a kind of ring-of-roses round each of two capitals, all in playful spirit. On the other two

capitals the babes are sitting sedately with their barrels. Other quaint figures and heads peep from the magnificent panelling of the pillars, and on the wall is a fine carving of the Last Judgment, with the battered figure of Our Lord, Michael and Gabriel with trumpets, coffins giving up their dead, the saved climbing to the gates of heaven, and the lost falling into the jaws of a fearful monster.'

Unusually, the 13th century sedilia are on the north wall of the chancel rather than on the south.

The East Window is possibly the work of Heaton, Butler & Bayne and commemorates Henry Strutt, who died in 1915.

The writer Simon Jenkins has included Kingston parish church in his book, *England's 1000 best churches*. The exterior, he writes, 'hardly rates a second glance, yet it houses the extraordinary Babington memorial'.

See the entry on the [Southwell and Nottingham Church History Project website](#) for more information.

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.

Woodborough

Date	Speaker	Title
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.

NEW: Romance and Disaster – the Unfortunate Marriages of the Sherwood Aristocracy: focusing mainly on the period after 1800, this looks at some of the disastrous marriages made by lords, dukes and earls who formed the supposed elite of Dukeries society. No wonder several of them went bankrupt or needed rich Americans to bail them out....

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.

Dr Stephen Walker - Contact : 07752-666-075 stephenj_walker@btinternet.com

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.

www.bobmassey.info

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

Keith Small can be contacted at telephone 01636 679261 or email: keiparkinson75@btinternet.com

- 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.

Lucy Brouwer

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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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