



NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Witchcraft and Dragons' Blood in Victorian Nottinghamshire

A shocking case of witchcraft stunned the folk of Victorian Nottinghamshire.....well, I exaggerate. 'Amused them' might be a more accurate description of the case at Retford magistrates in 1866.

A young man name Swallow, who was second man on Mr John Ellis's farm at North Leverton, brought a case of assault and witchcraft against the 'first man' named Bellamy. There was evidently a lot of bad feeling between the two workers and Swallow's starting point was that Bellamy was deliberately disturbing the horses to make his work difficult. Swallow became convinced that Bellamy was doing this by witchcraft but the older man became angry at his allegation and threatened to 'bleed him and let his bowels down'. The NLHA welcomes comments as to what this latter threat might have involved!

Swallow went to complain to his father at Sturton and then told his fears to Mr Ellis. Bellamy's response to this was to beat Swallow with a whipstock. When this got to court Bellamy said it was 'all true that he had been bewitching the horses' but that he had been made to do it by another person, who he did not name. Bellamy explained that if you gave dragon's blood to the horses they would run off, and Swallow confirmed that he had seen the older man giving the horses something at the stables. A small tin of powder was given in as evidence – the dragon's blood!

Bellamy then explained that his knowledge about spells came from a man at Leverton station named Ranby, who had copied it out of a book:

**“ Omnes Spiritus laudent Dominum.
Misericordiam habe Deus
Desinetur Inimicus D.V.”**

Whether Bellamy had any clue about what this meant was not discussed! The magistrates decided that it would be better if young Swallow left his job and made Bellamy pay £2 in costs. But Bellamy had not finished; 'there's witching the same now as there always was', he informed the court. He was then given back a copy of the 'charm' that had been hidden in his watchcase.

Meanwhile, please note we are missing 2025 details for several local societies. If you are involved, please send your programme to newsletter@nlha.org.uk

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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

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.

Events



Nottinghamshire Local History Association's Spring Forum

March 29th, 10am-4pm

Ravenshead Village Hall

We are delighted to announce our next bringing together some of the best historians and speakers the county has to offer!

Programme:

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Welcome

10.15am Tom Andrews: Captain Athelstan Popkess, The Greatest Policeman?

11.30am Trevor Lee: Sam Torr and the Old Malt Cross

12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls

1.15pm Nottinghamshire Local History Association AGM

1.45pm Adrian Gray: Scandal and Adultery, Marital Disasters of the Sherwood Nobility.

3.00pm Bob Massey: Herbert George Ponting: Filming the World.

4.00pm Close

Our Speakers

Tom Andrews is a former police officer turned academic, with a passion and expertise in the history of policing. Captain Athelstan Popkess was the Chief Constable of Nottingham for nearly 30 years between 1930 – 1959, who he argues may have single-handedly revolutionised policing from its Victorian era 'foot beat

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patrol' model, to the modern responsive, highly mobile service that we are familiar with. Author of a book by the same name, he will content that Capt. Popkess was The Greatest Policeman?

Trevor Lee. Trevor Lee has lived in Annesley Woodhouse - Ashfield since 1971. He has a lifelong interest in the performing arts, in particular Music Hall, Variety, Theatres and people, both locally and nationally. In 1979 he became a founder member of the Derby and Nottingham Music Hall Association and is currently their archivist. Sam Torr was a very famous Music Hall artist in the late 19th and early 20th century. Nottingham born in 1849, he made his London debut on the halls in 1870. He died at his Nottingham home in 1923. The illustrated talk will include details of his unique stage act, his management of Joseph Merrick (The Elephant Man) and of Nottingham's Old Malt Cross Music Hall in 1909.

Adrian Gray is a Cambridge history graduate and author of around 30 books, including several on Nottinghamshire and the heritage of the Pilgrims; he leads the Pilgrims & Prophets community history group in North Nottinghamshire. More scandals from places such as Newstead, Welbeck, Thoresby and Clumber, where the 'nobility' had too much time, money and lust and rather too few morals. Considering cases from all the 'great houses', we investigate some alarming elopements, adulterous affairs and how a Thoresby lady caused the re-invention of divorce.

Bob Massey is a local historian, speaker, writer and Chair of NALC. Herbert George Ponting was a pioneering British photographer whose work during the Terra Nova Expedition (1910–1913) is highly regarded in the history of Antarctic exploration. As the expedition's official photographer and cinematographer, he documented both the daily life of the team and the harsh and beautiful landscapes of Antarctica. His photographs and films, including images of the South Pole, provide a vivid and emotional record of the journey led by Robert Falcon Scott.

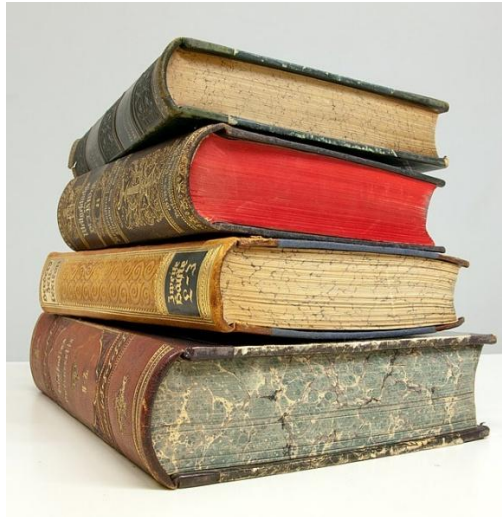
Prices: NLHA members £9.00; others £10.00.

Book using this link:

[Nottinghamshire Local History Association's Spring Forum Tickets, Sat, Mar 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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:

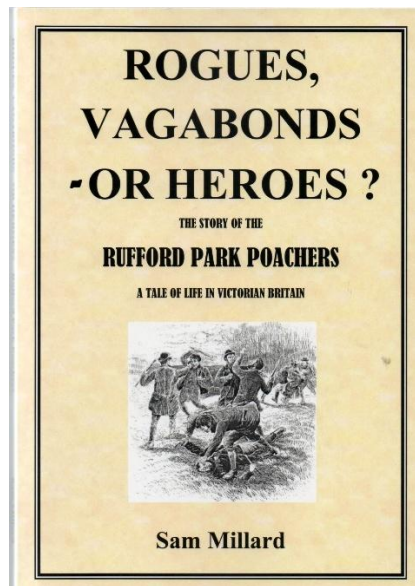
[NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY | Facebook](#)



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BOOK STUFF!

Going free (with a bit of postage perhaps). A lady has written to us to say – ‘I have a rather dilapidated booklet about Papplewick Lido and wondered if I could send it to you or someone in the organisation. I find it difficult to throw old things away.’ First person to email the editor can have this, but I assume it needs posting.



Details of how to get this book are available from: sammillard123@btinternet.com

Sam also does a talk on the subject.

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New from Merton Priory Press

Pre-publication offer to Nottinghamshire Local History Association members

CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

By Peter Seddon

This is the most comprehensive study yet of the society, politics, religion and government of any English county in the years 1603–88, based on a thorough analysis of the sources in central and local archives. The author was, until his retirement, a member of the staff of the History Department of the University of Nottingham and is a long-standing Thoroton Society member. The history of Nottinghamshire in these years is often different from that of shires which have been studied. By 1640 its society was dominated by four noble families, whose wealth set them apart from the rest of the shire and who were able to establish a political consensus. The Civil Wars divided the shire. Puritan and eventually presbyterian Nottingham became the Parliamentary centre; Newark, with its strong support for Anglicanism, the royalist headquarters. The war affected all sections of society, devastated a large area of the shire, and left lasting animosities, with the majority of royalist families financially burdened for decades. Cromwell's attempts at reconciliation were a failure. The religious and political settlements at the Restoration perpetuated the division, which formed the basis of the political parties of 1678–88.

As the major developments are compared with often very different counties, this study transcends the history of Nottinghamshire and contributes different perspectives to the understanding of national developments and generalisations. Its analysis of government is important to students of local history and essential reading for all students of Nottinghamshire history.

Change and Continuity in Seventeenth-century Nottinghamshire (ISBN 978-1-898937-87-6), a section-sewn, jacketed hardback of 352 pages with a full scholarly apparatus of footnotes and bibliography, will be published on 11 February 2025 at £40. Members of the Nottinghamshire Local History Association can order copies up to that date at the pre-publication offer price of £20 (including postage) by completing the slip below and returning it to the publisher with a cheque.

To: Merton Priory Press Ltd, 9 Owen Falls Avenue, Chesterfield S41 0FR

I wish to order ... copy/copies of Change and Continuity in Seventeenth-century Nottinghamshire at the NHLA members' pre-publication offer price of £20 (including postage) and enclose a

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TALKS AND MEETINGS

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

Arnold Local History Group

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

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

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

February 18th Bob Massey

'The Old Bonington': The history of Arnold's largest 1000-seater cinema and theatre

March 18th AGM. Followed by Mick Radnall

Memories of Old Arnold an Illustrated Talk

³ Wikimedia Commons public dedication

April 15th Chris Weir

Down the Marches

May 20th Philip Jones

Historical Gardens of Nottingham

June 17th Megan King (The Peter Hunt Memorial Talk)

An Introduction to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and Treasure in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire by the Finds Liaison Officer

July 15th Martin Gorman

A Walk-through History of Bromley House Library

August 19th Tom Andrews

Captain Athelstan Popkess ([Chief Constable](#) of [Nottingham City Police](#) from 1930 to 1959)

September 16th William Ruff

A Day in the Life of the English Language

October 21st Karen Winyard

Rufford Abbey and its 19th Century 'Savile' Custodians

November 18th Andy McKinnon

The History of Bestwood

ALSO AROUND ARNOLD: BOB MASSEY TALKS

Aslockton: Cranmer Local History Society

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 Village Hall in Beckingham at 7pm

For info contact Marion Dickinson: marion08@btinternet.com

BEESTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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



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

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

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

Feb 4th Stephen Flinders: History beneath our feet
March 4th: Society AGM

BRAMCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Trains Trams and Trolleybuses, with Steve Wright
Monday 14th April, 8pm

The Happiest Days of Their Lives?, Bramcote's Primary Schools 1900--2000, with Val Bird
Monday 19th May, 8pm

Victorian Stapleford, with John Shaw
Monday 16th June, 8pm

Cinemas of Nottingham, with Graham Woodward
Monday 21st July, 8pm

Nottingham's Caves, with Dr Chris King
Monday 15th September, 8pm

Stanton on Film, with Stephen Flinders
Monday 20th October (this meeting includes the AGM)

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

Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £2.50. Refreshments available.

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Refreshments available.
See our website for further events, walks etc.
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.

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.

All the events are (almost always!) on the third Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, Main Street starting at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, Members FREE, non- members £2 - includes refreshments.

Contact: iturner@coddington.org.uk

Thursday 20th February 2025 James Wright - in search of England's oldest pub

Thursday 20th March 2025 – Jeremy Lodge – Lowdham Grange Borstal, how it came about, who built it (there'll be a surprise) and the boys who occupied it.

Thursday 10th April 2025 Peter Liddle - Rutland's Roman Villa

The discovery of a Roman villa on farmland in Rutland in 2020 created a sensation in archaeological circles, including featuring on the BBC's "Digging for Britain". Peter Liddle was formerly County Archaeologist for Leicester and Rutland.

Thursday 15th May 2025 Stephen Gay – Woodhead, the lost railway.

East Leake & District Local History Society

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

2025

Jan 15. Bits and Bobs – a hands-on talk with items from the 1940s and earlier. Bob Neil.

Feb 19. Ancient Celts in the East Leake Area. Dr. Andrew Breeze.

Mar 19. Welcome to the Workhouse – a brief history of the parish poor. Jacki Allen.

Apr 16. Historical Highlights from Newark and Sherwood. Adrian Gray.

May 21. Nottingham's Lace Market – the workers and notables. Mo Cooper.

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 2024/25

Feb. 19 th	Worksop, Witches & an American Legacy	
	The Life of Richard Bernard	Adrian Gray
Mar. 19 th	Mary Queen of Scots	David Templeman
Apr. 16 th	Thoresby Hall and Park	In house (Right&Lane)
May 21 st	AGM	
June 18 th	Venue: St Mary's Church, Edwinstowe	Including guided tour.

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.

2025

January 22nd

Robert Hartley

The Remarkable Stations Along the Nottingham-Newark-Lincoln Line

February 26th

Jeremy Lodge

Lowdham grange Borstal

March 26th

David Templeman

Lady Arbella Stuart – The Queen That Never Was

April 23rd

Tom Andrews

Captain Athelstan Popkess; Chief Constable of Nottingham City Police (1930-1959)

May – date to be arranged

Guided Tour of the Nottingham Courts of Justice Museum

June-date to be arranged

Guided Tour Southwell Minster

July-date to be arranged

Repeat Visit to Lowdham Signal Box

2024-2025

September 24th

AGM followed by

Clive Rudd

Songs and Stories from the Sixties

Bring a tippie and relax with Clive and his music.

October 22nd

Chris Weir

Mud, Munitions and Memorials: Nottinghamshire and World War One



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

12th February	Prototypes, Paupers & the Poor Law: a History of the Workhouse at Southwell	Dr Charlotte May & Fiona Lewin
12th March	AGM followed by Member's evening	

9th April	The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest	Adrian Gray
14th May	To be confirmed	
11th June	A History of Southwell Ploughing Match	Claire Hardstaff & Ploughing Match Trustees
9th July	Summer Social	
10th September	Gardens of Delight. A glimpse into the variety of historic parks, garden & designed landscapes in Nottinghamshire	Jason Mordan
8th October	In & Out of Wedlock. Four 19th century case studies	Karen Winyard
12th November	Great Houses of the East Midlands	Dr James Wright
10th December	Christmas meal	

Visitors are welcome at our meetings & we ask for a donation of £3.00 which includes coffee/tea

For further information contact: gill_sarre@hotmail.com

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)

Guests Welcome - £2 on the door

LAMBLEY

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.

Contact: maureenhandley45@gmail.com

Newark: other events

TALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY TO MAY 2025		NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE NEWARK MUSEUM
	<p>Masques, Music and Mayhem: Dance in Stuart England Thursday 23 January, 7.30pm</p> <p>Find out how to party like it's 1639, in this fascinating talk about the role of dance in Stuart England.</p> <p>The Trial of Charles I Friday 31 January, 7.30pm</p> <p>Our Tudor Hall will become Westminster Hall for this interactive performance event in honour of the 400th anniversary of Charles I's accession to the throne. Take part in the trial and decide if you would sign the warrant to execute a King! Suitable for all ages over 12.</p> <p>'The Most Unfortunate of Kings'? Was Charles I to blame for the British Civil Wars? Thursday 13 February, 7.30pm</p> <p>It is 400 Years since Charles I was crowned King in February 2025. His monarchy ended in his execution and the establishment of a republic. Was he to blame for his own fate or was he, as a medal in the museum collection states, a good but unlucky King?</p>	 <p>All talks are £10 or £3 for Friends of the National Civil War Centre – Newark Museum! <small>*unless stated, and can be booked online!</small></p> <p>The Poet and The Regicide Friday 7 March, 7.30pm</p> <p>Meet Lucy Hutchinson, translator, poet and biographer and wife of Newark's arch enemy, John Hutchinson, Governor of Nottingham during the British Civil Wars and regicide. This International Women's day talk reveals the fascinating story of a seventeenth-century power couple and challenges our beliefs about women in this period.</p> <p>Bloody Be Thine End: The Discovery of Richard III Saturday 5 April, 4pm, £5 with free admission for under 25s</p> <p>The rediscovery of Richard III's skeletal remains in a Leicester car park gave us unprecedented new insights into the Battle of Bosworth. Join archaeologists Mathew Morris and Andrew Hyam from University of Leicester Archaeological Services and find out how modern archaeological and forensic investigation, and historical reenactment allows us to reassess historic sources and tell new stories.</p> <p>The Indestructible Sir Thomas Fairfax Thursday 24 April, 7pm</p> <p>Discover the story behind the National Civil War Centre's most striking artefact, Fairfax's wheelchair. Learn about the dramatic and action-packed life of the general who won the Civil War. Hear the grisly details of his wounds and be prepared to question your perception of the politics of the past!</p> <p>The Siege of Leicester Friday 23 May, 7.30pm</p> <p>In a bloody eight days in May 1645, the Royalist army commanded by King Charles I brutally sacked Leicester, outraging the nation and contributing significantly to his downfall. Now, new archaeological evidence from commercial excavations in Leicester is helping us to reappraise what happened. Join archaeologist Mathew Morris to find out more.</p>

All of the events can be booked at [online here](#) or by calling 01636 655755 which you will need to phone to redeem the group discount.

NOTTINGHAM

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM MUSEUMS

Meetings are held at Nottingham Castle on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 2pm prompt

- 18 January Lucy Brouwer: Watson Fothergill: A virtual tour of Nottingham
- 15 February AGM; short talk by Louise Button-Lowth; Bring-and-buy sale (members only)
- 15th March Gallery tour at the Castle by Deborah Dean, Principal Curator, Visual Arts
- 26th April Graham Woodward: History of Coals pits in Wollaton, Trowell and Cossall
- 17th May Robert Mee: Almshouses: Past, Present and Local
- 21 June Adrian Gray: Romance and Disaster: the unfortunate marriages of the Sherwood aristocracy
- 19th July Mo Cooper: Gedling House
- August - no meeting
- 20 September Keith Parkinson: Truths and myths of Robin Hood
- 18th October David Speed: Beauvale Priory, where two worlds meet
- 15th November Charles Wheeler: The Industrial Revolution as exhibited at Nottingham Industrial Museum
- 13 December Chris Weir: Forest Fields

Visitors are welcome on payment of £3, but please contact the Chairman at janetlievesley@gmail.com beforehand so that staff at the Castle Gatehouse can be informed

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



Nottingham Industrial Heritage Association

Our meetings are held at 19:30 in Nottingham at The International Community Centre 61b Mansfield Road, unless stated otherwise. Click [here](#) for a location map. This is convenient for the Tram, Trent buses and NCT buses. Car parking is also possible in the vicinity.

The following indoor meetings for the Autumn 2024 / Spring 2025 season have been arranged:

Non-members will be very welcome to attend all meetings unless indicated. An admission fee will be charged on the door. This is £5.00 for non members, NIHA members £2.

February 20th Yvonne Wright Victorian Industrialists in the Rock Cemetery

March 20th Robert Mee Wheels of Industry: Langley Mill

April 17th Graham Woodward Wollaton Colliery

May 22nd Adrian Gray The Capricious River Trent

www.niha.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

For more information and updates:

www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk

email: nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com

Nottingham: other events

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

<https://www.facebook.com/nottsderbyslbourhistorysociety>

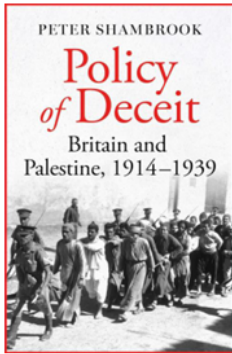
ndlabourhistory.org

The NDLS will hold its AGM at 7pm on the Wednesday 19 March. This will be followed at 7.30 by a talk given by the distinguished author Peter Shambrook on "Britain and Palestine 1914-1939. Full details of talk and venue are given in the attached flyer.

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire
Labour History Society
and
Palestine Solidarity Campaign Nottingham**



A Talk by Peter Shambrook



During WW1 Britain made three commitments that drastically and tragically altered the course of Palestinian history.

It promised the Arabs of the Ottoman-ruled Middle East an independent state, including Palestine, in exchange for revolting against the Ottomans – the Hussein/McMahon correspondence.

Then the British and the French subsequently decided between themselves who would rule which country in the Middle East – the Sykes/Picot agreement - effectively overruling the former promise.

The British government finally in November 1917 made a commitment – the Balfour Declaration – to 'use their best endeavours to facilitate a Jewish homeland in Palestine' despite having no authority or agreement with the Palestinians who lived there to make such a commitment.

In this talk Peter Shambrook, author and historical consultant highlights how this betrayal played out.

Wednesday March 19th 7.30 pm

**Queen's Walk Community Centre, The Meadows,
Nottingham NG2 2DF
Mary Seacole Room**

The venue is immediately opposite the Queen's Walk Tram Stop and has a car park accessed from Houseman Garden.

Please note that the entrance is at the back of the building.

The talk will be preceded by the NDLS AGM beginning at 7.00 pm

Non-members welcome

For more information, please contact rogerlanner@yahoo.co.uk
<http://www.ndlabourhistory.org/>

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 10th February 2025

The Circulation of Silver 1697-1817 by Dr. Gary Oddie

Monday 10th March 2025

The Royal Mint Lecture by Dr. Kevin Clancy

Monday 14th April 2025

Round The Square (Nottm's Old Market Sq.) by Alan Cope

Monday 14th July 2025 Annual General Meeting

(All meetings subject to amendment)

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

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.

Note that all but one (November) of this year's talks are on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7-30pm.

- February 12 'Myths, Mistakes and Malarkey – Wrong Turns in the Mayflower Pilgrims Story' by Adrian Gray.
- March 12 'The Wars of the Roses: the East Midlands Connection' by Peter Russell.
- April 9 'The 1919 Spanish Flu Epidemic and Nottingham' by David Halliwell.
- May 14 'William Cavendish of Welbeck: a Renaissance Prince' by Dave Barton.
- June 11 'Last Post at Newton: The life of Royal Air Force Newton 1940-2001' by Tim O'Brien.

Railway & Canal Historical Society

Our meetings start at 2:00pm and are held in The Wesley Room, Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston NG9 1EH. We suggest a donation of £5.00 (which includes tea/coffee & biscuits) and usually finish around 3:30pm.

Friday 7th February – The Chesterfield Canal by Rod Auton

Friday 7th March – Terry Hyde – A Black Country Steam Photographer Rediscovered by Keith Hodgkins

Friday 4th April – Our Lost Lines by Anthony Poulton-Smith

Retford & District Historical and Archaeological Society

Lecture Programme 2024 - 2025	
<u>11 SEPTEMBER</u> <u>2024</u>	Sam Glasswell Archaeological Treasures at Bassetlaw Museum
<u>9 OCTOBER</u>	Gareth Howell What is the Fishpool Treasure Hoard? Why was it buried in Ravenshead?
<u>13 NOVEMBER</u>	Grant Cullen Commemoration and Remembrance of The Great War 1914 -1918
<u>11 DECEMBER</u>	Kasia Wosiak Christmas around the World
<u>8 JANUARY</u> <u>2025</u>	Bob Evens Milling on the Oldcotes Dyke
<u>12 FEBRUARY</u>	Adrian Sumner History of RAF Finningley
<u>12 MARCH</u>	John Stocks and Dave Pickergill Worksop & Retford Brewery
<u>9 APRIL</u>	David Templeman Two Queens and a Countess
<u>14 MAY</u> <u>AGM</u>	David Skillen The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge

Meetings are at Chapelgate Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors £3.00.

Southwell

Wednesday 26th February 2025, Stephen Rogers: Southwell's Hidden Archaeology

March 26th 'Southwell and the Civil War.' Speakers: Julie Walton and Mick White

April 23rd 'The humour of Hole.' Speaker: Martin Stott

May 28th 'Life and travels of Robert Bruce Napoleon Walker.' Speaker: Stephen Flinders

June 25th 'Lady Laura Ridding – Author, Bishop's Wife, Campaigner.' Speaker: Mike Kirton

July: Society visit – Hidden history walking tour of Newark.

We meet in Southwell Public Library at 7.30 p.m.

Sutton on Trent History Society

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

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

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

10 Feb - Lynda and Andrew Hounsfield, Sir Godfrey Hounsfield

10 Mar - Richard Pullen, The Rise and Fall and Rise again of the British Motorcycle Industry

14 April- Steve and Chris Hayes, The Sleaford Navigation May - Visit to Sleaford (date tbc)

Thoroton Society news

Thoroton events

**Maurice Barley Lecture: Saturday 11 January 2025, 2:30 pm.
Nottingham Mechanics, North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1
4EZ.**

Timber-framed Buildings of Nottinghamshire

*Speaker: Jason Mordan MA IHBC, Senior Practitioner Historic Buildings,
Nottinghamshire County Council.*

Timber Frame Buildings of Nottinghamshire is a passion that Jason learned from Graham Beaumont, his mentor, and has attempted to summarise in the short book(let) of the same title.

Nottinghamshire was at the forefront of dendrochronological investigations of oak-framed historic buildings, one of the first laboratories focused on 'tree-ring dating' began at the University of Nottingham. Early successful dates help unlock and, in some cases, re-write our interpretation of oak-frame crafts and vernacular architecture.

This short talk is an introduction to some of these dated (and occasionally undated) timber-frame buildings.

The World Turned Upside Down website

'**The World Turned Upside Down** is a unique resource telling the stories of the people, events and ideas of the British Civil Wars, which are explored by leading historians.'

One programme explores the civilian experience of life during the three sieges of the strategically important town of Newark. Dr Stuart Jennings discusses the struggles of the 2,000 inhabitants to try to survive the bombardment, disease and hunger:

<https://www.worldturnedupsidedown.co.uk/podcast/living-through-civil-war-sieges-newark/>

In another programme Dr David J. Appleby, an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Nottingham, uncovers the shocking story of the massacre at Shelford House, near Radcliffe-on-Trent, in November 1645 and the subsequent cover-up:

<https://www.worldturnedupsidedown.co.uk/podcast/uncovering-a-forgotten-massacre-at-shelford-house/>

Inspire local history publications sale

Inspire, who run the Nottinghamshire's libraries and archives, are selling a range of local history publications at half price, including Jason Mordan's book on timber-framed buildings and Stuart Jennings' book on Newark during the British Civil Wars.

Please note during the sale all prices are 50% off the price listed and the discount will be applied at check out. The sale ends on **31 January 2025**.

The publications are listed here:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/local-studies/books-sale/>

The next FONA talk, entitled 'Nottingham's dark side', is by Chris Weir and will take place at Nottinghamshire Archives on Saturday, 18 January at 11am:

- [Download the flier for 'Nottingham's dark side'](#)

FONA are looking to recruit a new Chairperson to take over from the current Chair who is retiring in April 2025. Further details are available on the FONA website: <https://fona.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Chair-v2.docx.pdf>

Local History Seminars at the University of Nottingham

The Department of History organises local history seminars which take place on Saturdays between October and March. They are open to all with an interest in local and regional history. Booking is not necessary and the entry fee of £5 includes refreshments.

Forthcoming seminars are:

- **Saturday 11 January 2025** - The Tragedy at Fairfield Care Home, Edwalton, 15 December 1974 - David Needham

- **Saturday 8 February 2025** - From Riches to Rags. The life of Mary Bailey, poet and runner of Nottingham Lace - Karen Winyard
- **March** – to be confirmed

Further details are available

here: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/humanities/departments/history/news-and-events/local-history-seminars.aspx>

West Bridgford Local History Society

The Society meets in the Church Hall of The Methodist Church, Musters Road, West Bridgford - the hall entrance being on Patrick Road. Meetings start at 7.30 and visitors are more than welcome.

Monday 3 February 2025 - Annual General Meeting - followed by “A history of Lady Bay”.

Robert Breckles, the former vicar of Lady Bay, has carried out considerable research on the development of this unique part of West Bridgford.

Monday 3 March 2025 - “Edwardian Nottinghamshire in colour postcards”

Brian Lund has an extensive collection of local postcards and uses them to show what life was like in the county in Edwardian times.

Monday 7 April 2025 - “The Church (Rock) Cemetery- part 2”

Yvonne Wright is an avid devotee of The Church (Rock) Cemetery and for her second talk to our society offers insights into the lives of many of the famous Nottingham people who are buried here.

Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society

Wollaton Historical & Conservation Society indoor meetings. 7.30pm St Leonards Community Centre, 4 Bramcote Lane, Wollaton, NG8 2ND (opposite Wollaton Library). Free to members, guests welcome for £3 payable on the door

2025

February 26th Ninya Mikhaila. 'The so-called canvas coat of Sir Hugh Willoughby' A rare piece of 16th century textile armour

March 26th Chris Weir. 'The Secrets, Mysteries and Curiosities' The little-known facts and stories which surround us

April 23rd - AGM followed by David Skillen – 'Knitters, Nailers and Traitors' Belper in the industrial revolution

Woodborough

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Date	Speaker	Title
January 16th	Alan Green	Bennerley Viaduct
February 20th	Jeff Sheard	'The History of Nottingham's Convalescent Movement'
March 20th	Graham Hayes	The lost houses of Nottingham
April 17th	Michael Harrison	'Clipstone Colliery; Its Fall and Rise'
May 15th	Bob Massey confirmed	Snippets from History Vol.4
June 19th	David Yates	A fortunate miss, but was it?
July 17th	Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre ?	Outing and meal
August 14th		No meeting
September 18th	Mo Cooper	The History of Sherwood
October 16th	Chris Weir	The People's War
November 20th	Mike Chapman	Bricks/Houses
December 11th	Graham Hayes	AGM

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)
- "September 1947" – a single month in history, as seen through the pages of local newspapers
- "Almshouses: past, present and local" – a history of the almshouse as an institution, with examples in and around Nottinghamshire
- "The Village Lockup" – a study of these fascinating but little known structures and their history, including some in Notts
- "Bradshaw's and an Early Railway Tour" – the famous railway timetable, and a mystery tour
- "History along the Erewash Valley Trail" – a 30 mile cycle route on both sides of the Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire border

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@ntlworld.com 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.

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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.

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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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Mining Memories: After a brief outline of the history of coal mining in Nottinghamshire, a resume of 32 years' experience in the industry describes mining techniques and life underground.

The Rise and Fall of Colwick Loco: Based on my father's life working in one of the largest yards in the Midlands, over 100 years of operation is described, together with the development of the adjacent town of Netherfield and its other industries. Many of the photos are from the 1960's and were taken by my father.

Trains, Trams & Trolley Buses: A history of public transport in Nottingham from 1838 to 1920.

Nottingham in the 1930s (Two talks): A study of the industries and the social aspects of life in the City between the two World Wars.

Nottingham in the 1960s: A study of the City in the "Swinging Sixties"

The Dover Beck: Follow the course of this twelve-mile-long mill stream from its source above Oxtun to its discharge into the River Trent, seeing some of the old mills and nature along the way.

Victoria Station and the Great Central Railway: The history of the last main line to be built in the country and its new station in Nottingham.

Streets of Nottingham: The changing shape of Nottingham's streets from 1600 to 1950

Towns and Villages of Southern Sherwood Forest in 1609: A look at the shape of local settlements in days gone by

Burton Joyce in the 1970s: Aspects of the village fifty years ago

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