



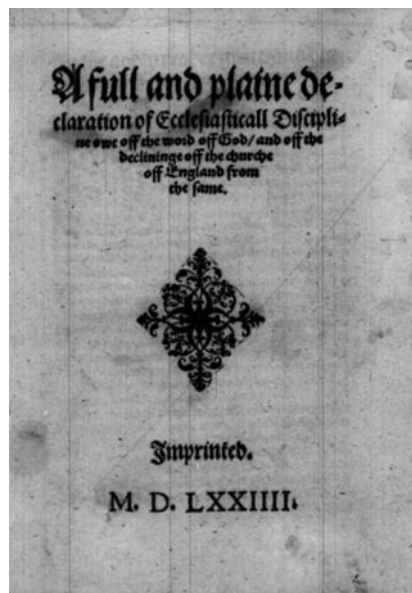
## NEWSLETTER

April 2025

### The Travers Controversy

Walter Travers, a great writer on church government, was born in Nottingham in about 1548. All four brothers of the Travers family became distinctly Protestant clergymen in the Church of England in a period of great turbulence.

Walter's older brother Robert found life in England too controversial, and left for the safer Protestant environment of Geneva where he died in 1575. Walter, enjoying at an academic career at Trinity College in Cambridge, was forced out by the remorseless John Whitgift who had a loathing for puritans. Meanwhile Travers's sister married John Denman, one of the leading Retford puritan family.

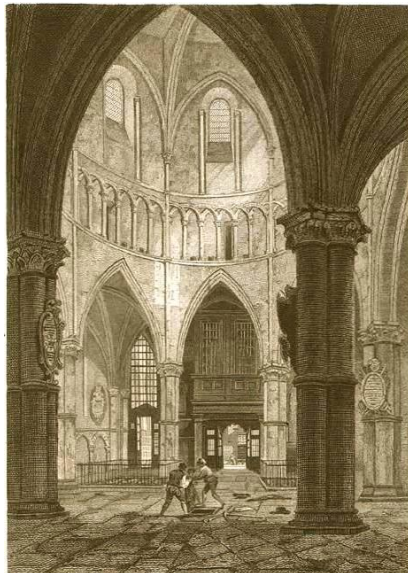


Later English translation of Travers's major work

Travers went to Geneva, where his brother joined him, and they had access to some of Europe's leading Protestant theologians as well as leading English radicals like Thomas Cartwright. He published his major work on Church discipline in 1574, perhaps with some input from Cartwright, 'Ecclesiasticae disciplinae et Anglicanae ecclesiae', but he did so anonymously. This soundly rejected the use of diocesan

bishops, making him many enemies in England as it became known he was the author. Travers thus became an architect of English Presbyterianism, which became so influential in Nottingham especially.

Travers then settled in Antwerp but he was not a great success there, although he did come to the notice of William Davison, the employer of a youthful William Brewster. By July 1580 he was back in England and living under the protection of Lord Burghley as tutor to his son; Burghley was of course closely connected with Lincolnshire and at the very top of Government, but he and his wife were well linked with puritans in the East Midlands and helped to get Travers a suitable lecturing post at the Temple Church in London, in 1581. This was despite being told by Whitgift that Travers was an enemy of the government. Burghley often helped Travers until his death in 1598. At Temple, Travers introduced many reforms including the taking of communion standing whereas Archbishop Parker had ordered that it be taken kneeling.



Temple Church in London

Travers was then involved in December 1584 in a controversial but fruitless debate with Whitgift, chaired by the Earl of Leicester, about reforms in the *Prayer Book* – where he provided a public challenge to the two archbishops over matters such as the use of the Apocrypha.

Whitgift was a dangerous enemy with growing power and, as Archbishop of Canterbury, was able to block Travers' career – his Presbyterian views and ordination in Antwerp being key factors. For a time, the famous Richard Hooker preached in the mornings at Temple, Travers in the afternoons – with very different views on Church governance. It was Richard Hooker, himself related to Travers by marriage, who got the permanent master's post at Temple in 1585 and took part in a public theological battle against Travers – who was banned from preaching by Whitgift in 1586.

Despite this, by 1588 Travers was effectively the leader of Presbyterianism in London if not England – years later Fuller wrote that ‘Allowing Mr Cartwright for the Head, Mr Walter Travers might be termed the neck of the Presbyterian party’. But as Whitgift acted to suppress Presbyterianism and the movement lost momentum, Burghley found Travers a post at Trinity College in Dublin in 1594. He left Dublin in 1598, never securing another permanent post, yet living on until 1635...just as his views on Presbyterianism finally became fashionable. This movement then became dominant in Nottingham and survived as a key influence for several generations.

Walter Travers’ younger brother John was also a noted puritan who married the sister of Richard Hooker, a fellow puritan but on matters of church government certainly Travers’ rival. Based in the West Country, he was often in trouble for nonconformity.

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Walter Travers is an interesting example of a person from Nottinghamshire history who was at one time very influential, but is now largely forgotten. This is why we need to do all we can to promote interest in Nottinghamshire history, as done so well recently with the new memorial at Sturton-le-Steeple which commemorates four fascinating people from the village’s history:

- John Lassells, Protestant martyr of 1546
- John Smyth, founder of the English Baptists and pioneer of religious freedom
- John Robinson, the ‘pastor of the Pilgrims’
- Katherine Carver (née White), ‘Mayflower’ Pilgrim who died in America 1621



NLHA well be keen to help any village or town that wants to celebrate its history. Highly visual structures like this help to act as a talking point and, in this case, an information board will follow.


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](mailto:newsletter@nlha.org.uk)

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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## Events



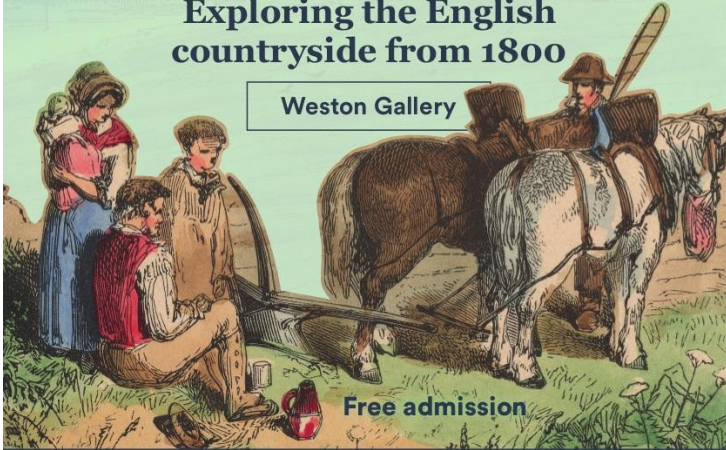
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# Country lives

Exploring the English countryside from 1800

Weston Gallery



Free admission

**Thursday 10 April to Sunday 21 September 2025**  
Opening times: Tuesday–Sunday 12 noon–4pm. Closed Mondays.

Weston Gallery  
Lakeside Arts  
University Park  
Nottingham NG7 2RD

Box Office: +44 (0)115 846 7777  
[lakesidearts.org.uk](http://lakesidearts.org.uk)  
[nottingham.ac.uk/mss](http://nottingham.ac.uk/mss)

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## EASTWOOD

**Breach House** 28 Garden Road Eastwood will be open for viewing on the first Saturday of the month 11a.m to 3p.m. on the following dates April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th. Visits outside of these times can be arranged by following the link on the D H Lawrence Society website. The house is referred to as 'The Bottoms' in Sons & Lovers & the ground floor is a museum with some original features. Entrance is free but donations are welcome.

<p><b>PILGRIMS &amp; PROPHETS</b> CHRISTIAN HERITAGE TOURS</p>	<p>HISTORY WALK AND TALK: <b>EAKRING</b></p>
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### HISTORIC EAKRING, PLAGUE CONNECTIONS AND A DUMBLE OR TWO

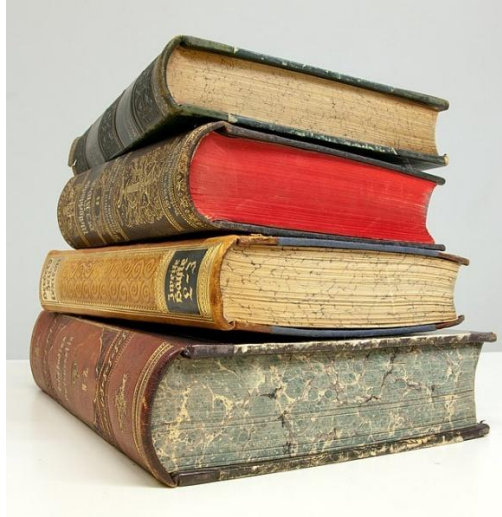
Our first history walks of 2025 will be in the historic village of Eakring. The village is famous for its links to Rev Mompesson, the 'plague parson' of Eyam. See where he preached, outside of the village, and the myths surrounding the 'pulpit ash'. Discover the mysterious 'Eakring Flash' and dip down into a dumble or two....Don't know what a dumble is? Come and find out. We will also explore the historic church.

- **Two dates – Sat 17th May and Sat 24th May (10am)**
- Duration approx. 2.5-3hrs.
- Walking distance approx. 3 miles, some short sections of field path
- Cost £8.50 per head, includes contribution to Eakring church
- Coffee and cake available for donations

<p>Reserve by email to (mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk), by phone to <b>CANDICE</b> on 07383 488201, 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><b>WEATHER:</b> 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>	

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!

## New from Merton Priory Press

### **CHANGE & CONTINUITY IN 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: REVIEW**

P R Seddon's book is a work that any serious student on Nottinghamshire history will want to have to hand when studying this most turbulent of centuries during which there were two revolutions and considerable change in society.

The book is best seen as an intensive study of how local government, and the county's representation, worked – and who were the key influencers. Seddon studies this by tracking in detail who held which office, so the main focus of the book is on issues such as who was nominated for a seat in the Commons, who the key officials were in Nottingham, and other processes such as the selection of justices. Thus he informs the central debate about how far the dominant families in the county changed over the century.

As a result, we see into the local activities of the great families of the day such as the Cavendishes and Pierreponts, and also some of the lesser gentry families like the Cartwrights together with some of the emerging commercial families in Nottingham itself.

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The author is less focused on social change, although some aspects of religious development are considered. For example, there is little here about the impact of plague and so it is best seen as a political or administrative history – and no less valuable for that. There is, though, room for some consideration of the management of Sherwood and we gain some valuable additional insight into the affair of Lindhurst Wood which was to prove so controversial in the late 1700s.

Students of village history will be delighted that there is a good index that references many settlements across the county. Of course, the author has tried to balance this against the problem that you can only write about places where records survive. Thus in some situations we have to rely on the examples of Gamston in Bassetlaw or Upton near Southwell, for which there is good evidence.

So an excellent work of reference to have on your shelf though if you are new to this period of history it might help to have an outline knowledge of the main narrative as Seddon explains the local impact (or not) of change at a national level.

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We believe the publisher has had some website problems, so to order please ring them (01246 554026) or write, and enclose a cheque for £40 which also covers delivery.

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

**Have you got a book on Notts history? You can send the NLHA a copy and share information about it through our Facebook pages.**



## TALKS AND MEETINGS

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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!

If you organise a local society, **you can advertise for free** on our Nottinghamshire History Facebook group which reaches thousands of people. Just join the group at:

[NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY | Facebook](#)

## Arnold Local History Group

Contact: 0115 9200626, email address: [alhgroupo@gmail.com](mailto:alhgroupo@gmail.com)

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

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

**April 15<sup>th</sup> Chris Weir**

Down the Marches

**May 20<sup>th</sup> Philip Jones**

Historical Gardens of Nottingham

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Gorman**

A Walk-through History of Bromley House Library

**August 19<sup>th</sup> Tom Andrews**

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

**September 16<sup>th</sup> William Ruff**

A Day in the Life of the English Language

**October 21<sup>st</sup> Karen Winyard**

Rufford Abbey and its 19<sup>th</sup> Century 'Savile' Custodians

**November 18<sup>th</sup> Andy McKinnon**

The History of Bestwood

ALSO AROUND ARNOLD: BOB MASSEY TALKS

**Aslockton: Cranmer Local History Society**



Contact: [kaucker@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

- Apr 1st Robert Mee: Sept 1947- A Snapshot in Time  
May 6th David Amos: The Robin Hood Line  
July 1st John Whitfield: Sir Winston Churchill; Man of  
Destiny  
Aug 5th No Speaker. General club evening with group  
participation  
Sept 2nd Peter Smith: Wollaton Hall- Comfort &  
Security  
Oct 7th Bob Massey; Per Ardua ad Astra  
Nov 4th Stephen Flinders: Life & Travels of Robert  
Bruce Napoleon Walker  
Dec 2nd Christmas meeting: Party time & 2025  
Members review  
Jan 6th: A local history presentation by members &  
committee  
Feb 3rd No Speaker, An evening with members &  
Guests Participation  
March 3rd: Society AGM & Meetings Review

**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](http://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.

#### **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](mailto:iturner@coddington.org.uk)

**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**

**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](http://www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk)

enquiries: [EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com](mailto: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**

Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thoresby Hall and Park	In house (Right&Lane)
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	AGM	
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	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.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 24<sup>th</sup>

AGM followed by

Clive Rudd

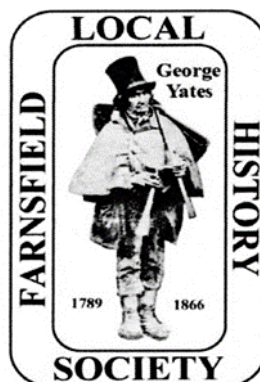
Songs and Stories from the Sixties

Bring a tippie and relax with Clive and his music.

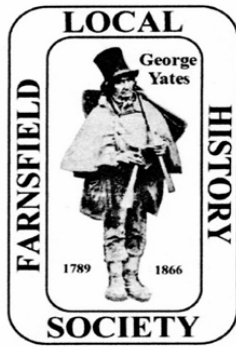
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.



# Farnsfield Local History Society

## Programme of Speakers 2025

All meetings held in the  
Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, NG22 8JL  
starting at 7.30 p.m.

Coffee & Tea provided after the talks which last around an hour.

8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The History of Papplewick Pumping Station</b>	Peter Nicholls
12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Prototypes, Paupers and the Poor Law: A history of the workhouse in Southwell</b>	Charlotte May Fiona Lewin
12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>AGM</b> Followed by Members' evening	
9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest</b>	Adrian Gray
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>The River Trent in Landscape and History</b>	Keith Small
11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The History of Southwell Ploughing Match</b>	Claire Hardstaff & Ploughing Match Trustees
10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Gardens of Delight.</b> A glimpse into the variety of historic parks, gardens and designed landscapes in Nottinghamshire.	Jason Mordan
8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>In and out of Wedlock</b> Four 19 <sup>th</sup> century case studies	Karen Winyard
12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Great Houses of the East Midlands</b>	Dr James Wright

Membership costs £15 per year (membership year from March - February). Non-members are always welcome at meetings for a £3 donation payable on the door. The Society also arranges summer & Christmas social events and occasional trips to places of local historical interest.

For further information contact FLHS Secretary Gill Sarre: [gill\\_sarre@hotmail.com](mailto:gill_sarre@hotmail.com)

Website <https://farnsfieldlhs.co.uk/>

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](mailto: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).

Meetings start at 7:30pm unless specified. Entry fee of £2.

**30 April- Norton Disney History & Archaeological Group.** Hear from the group that found the Norton Disney Dodecahedron shown on BBC's Digging for Britain. Guest speaker Richard Parker.

**28 May- Gainsborough Heritage Centre.** Trip. 7pm start. Full details TBC.

**25 June-History Tour of Hartsholme Park.** Trip. 2 hours. Cost TBC but around £4.50/£5. 6:30pm start.

**24 September- Lawrence of Lincolnshire.** The story behind Lawrence of Arabia. Returning guest speaker Richard Pullen.

**29 October- The Writing on the Walls. Historic Graffiti at Lincoln Cathedral.** Guest speaker Colin Shields.

**26 November- 1800s Murder Trial.** Relive a real-life trial that took place in Leicester to make our own decision of the outcome. Returning guest speaker Derrick Watson.

Contact: [jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk](mailto: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

*Meetings take place on Fridays in The Centenary Lounge, Keyworth Parish Hall and start at 7.30pm*

**4th April** "Isaac Newton: angry young man of Lincolnshire & father of physics". David Charles

**2nd May** "Historical Graffiti". James Wright

**6th June** "Remembering "The 1950's". John Whitfield (and including sharing your memories).

**4th July** "Richard I in the East Midlands. He came with the conqueror William Peverell the elder". David Speed

*There is no meeting in **August**.*

**5th September** Medieval Costume Event plus lots of prizes.  
"What does Robin Hood show us about 'life' in his times". David Speed

**3rd October** "The Back Route: Great Northern Railway between Nottingham and Derby" David Clarke

**7th November** "The answer lies in the soil (beyond our ken)". David Charles

**5th December** Xmas Social. Ticket Only. "A history of local carols at K&DLHS part II". Stephan Green

## 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](http://www.lambleyheritage.co.uk)*

Apr 28	Keith Small – The River Trent in History and in Life
May 15	Visit to the Nottingham Museum store
Jun 21	tba
Jul 15	Guided tour of Shardlow and the Heritage Centre
Sep 22	Ann Featherstone - Mashed potato sandwiches and bottle top tinsel
Oct 27	Laura Parker – Archaeology of Nottingham Castle
Nov 24	Maureen Taylor – Bess of Hardwick

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](mailto:maureenhandley45@gmail.com)

## Newark: other events

<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>TALKS PROGRAMME</b> JANUARY TO MAY 2025</span> <span><b>NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE</b> <small>NEWARK MUSEUM</small></span> </div>  <p><b>Masques, Music and Mayhem: Dance in Stuart England</b> <b>Thursday 23 January, 7.30pm</b></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><b>The Trial of Charles I</b> <b>Friday 31 January, 7.30pm</b></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><b>'The Most Unfortunate of Kings'? Was Charles I to blame for the British Civil Wars?</b> <b>Thursday 13 February, 7.30pm</b></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>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>All talks are £10 or £3 for Friends of the National Civil War Centre – Newark Museum!</span> <span>*unless stated, and can be booked online!</span> </div>  <p><b>The Poet and The Regicide</b> <b>Friday 7 March, 7.30pm</b></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><b>Bloody Be Thine End: The Discovery of Richard III</b> <b>Saturday 5 April, 4pm, £5 with free admission for under 25s</b></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><b>The Indestructible Sir Thomas Fairfax</b> <b>Thursday 24 April, 7pm</b></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><b>The Siege of Leicester</b> <b>Friday 23 May, 7.30pm</b></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>
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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

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

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| 26 <sup>th</sup> April | Graham Woodward: History of Coals pits in Wollaton, Trowell and Cossall                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May   | Robert Mee: Almshouses: Past, Present and Local  |
| 21 June                | Adrian Gray: Romance and Disaster: the unfortunate marriages of the Sherwood aristocracy |

19<sup>th</sup> July Mo Cooper: Gedling House

August - no meeting

20 September Keith Parkinson: Truths and myths of Robin Hood

18<sup>th</sup> October David Speed: Beauvale Priory, where two worlds meet

15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

April 17<sup>th</sup> Graham Woodward: Wollaton Colliery

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Gray: The Capricious River Trent

[www.niha.org.uk](http://www.niha.org.uk)

## NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

For more information and updates:

[www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk)

email: [nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto: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/nottsderbyslabourhistorysociety>

[ndlabourhistory.org](http://ndlabourhistory.org)

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire  
Labour History Society  
and  
Nottingham and Derby Stand Up To Racism**

**A talk by Harry Zeigler**

**Fascism: Then and Now**



Harry Ziegler studied political science, history, and sociology at the University of Stuttgart and French Politics and Society at Sciences Po in Paris and taught European history at the University of Lincoln. Wolfgang Streeck, the former Director of the Max Planck Institute, argued that markets and democracy are essentially incompatible. Hayek, high priest of the free market, also argued that where democracy and the market come into conflict, democracy will have to go. These propositions will be explored in relation to the rise of the Nazis from 1928 onwards when the international crisis eroded what legitimacy the Weimar Republic had. There are undoubtedly some parallels to the present, but also some substantial differences – Trump and Musk seem intent on destroying the State (except for its armed elements and the courts) and on creating a society in which the Government does little to serve a people's community.

**Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm**

**Queen's Walk Community Centre, The  
Meadows, Nottingham NG2 2DF  
Room 4**

*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.*

Non-members welcome

## 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](mailto:marktray60@gmail.com)

**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)**

NUTHALL AND DISTRICT

1 April "Easter Traditions" - Bob Massey

6 May "History of Nuthall Public Houses, part 2" – Jayne Byron

Summer Recess

2 September "Why Ayscough Avenue" - David Speed

7 October "Mediaeval Garderobes" – Dr James Wright

4 November "Kimberley Railways" - Roy Plumb

2 December "History of Father Christmas - Dave Mooney

Meetings held at 2.30 pm, The Temple Centre, Nuthall, NG16 1DP

Visitors welcome £3 per meeting

[hsnuthall@gmail.com](mailto:hsnuthall@gmail.com)

**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.

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> April – Our Lost Lines by Anthony Poulton-Smith

Retford & District Historical and Archaeological Society

**An Evening with Angus Ashworth, the Yorkshire Auctioneer**

**Location:** Grove Street Methodist Church, Retford

**Date/time:** Wednesday 7th May, 7.30pm

Well known from TV programmes *The Yorkshire Auction House* and the BBC's *Antiques Road Trip*, Angus has accumulated a wealth of stories and insights during his time in the auction and antiques business. Angus is a renowned speaker and keeps audiences engaged with a range of jokes, anecdotes from his appearances on television, and fascinating facts about antiques!

**Admission** £8.

**Tickets:** available from Retford Arts Hub, 11 Churchgate, Retford, or at our 2nd Wednesday of the month talks, Chapelgate Hall, Grove St. Methodist Church, Retford at 7.30pm.

Alternatively, please email [retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Southwell

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://www.history-society-sutton-on-trent-parish-council.org.uk)

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

## Thoroton Society news

### Thoroton events

Architectural Fashion vs Common Sense - the 19th Century Battle of Styles and its Legacy for Today : A one-day Symposium at the Rutland County Museum, Oakham, September 27th, 2025, in association with an exhibition of the East Midlands Paintings of John Louis Petit

The clergyman, artist and architectural writer, Rev. John Louis Petit, was the leading critic of the gothic revival in the 19th century and he used his paintings primarily as illustrations for his architectural lectures. From August 22nd to October 4th, 2025, an exhibition of Petit's East Midlands paintings will be held in Rutland County Museum in Oakham, organized by the Museum and the Petit Society. In association with the exhibition, the Society is also organising a one-day symposium which will draw on Petit's work in the region. It will consist of three keynote lectures and submitted contributions from both academic historians and local historians in the region. More details of the Exhibition, Symposium and other associated events can be found at <https://profchriskbaker.com/john-louis-petit-an-introduction/> and <https://profchriskbaker.com/john-louis-petit-an-introduction/j-l-petit-architectural-critic/>

Contributions are sought for short (15 to 20 minute) presentations at the Symposium either on general aspects of the Gothic controversy, ideally with an East Midlands flavour, or on specific restorations and reconstructions of secular buildings and churches in the area during the 19th century. Please send a

proposed title and a short (250 word) description to Revd. Professor Chris Baker at bakercj54@gmail.com by April 30th 2025.

Watson Fothergill

Good to see the renowned 19th century Nottingham architect Watson Fothergill the subject of a long post on The Historic England Blog.

It is a useful summary of his work and includes splendid photographs of some of his buildings:

The Historic England Blog

### **New book: 'Astronomer Norman Pogson and his Amazing Family' by Sarita Armstrong**

This readable family story throws new light on the life of Norman Robert Pogson (1829-1891), a 19th century astronomer of many achievements, though much maligned in his day. Pogson was born into a family of Nottingham lace manufacturers and family papers saved over the years suggest a very different man from the one academic papers show. He named his daughters for the stars he discovered and mentored the first modern Indian astronomer. Variable stars were his passion and today we still use the Pogson Ratio to measure stellar brightness.

Taking up the position of Government Astronomer in colonial India tore his family apart, but they reunited in that distant country. Personal letters and diaries bring to life a unique period of Indian history, with conversations and situations woven into the fabric of meticulously recorded events. The author is Norman Pogson's great-great granddaughter.

The book is available to buy on Amazon.

### **Map of Nottinghamshire parishes and townships c.1835**

Several years ago, I produced a map showing the county's parishes and townships in the 1830s for my entry on 'Villages' on the Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway website. I based it on the boundaries illustrated on George Sanderson's impressive Map of the Country Twenty Miles Round Mansfield, Comprising parts of the Counties of Nottingham, Derby, York, Lincoln and Leicester published in 1835.

The map shows an often complicated picture, particularly in the north-west of Nottinghamshire where both Blyth and Finningley include townships or chapelries that are actually in Yorkshire!

Also clear is how the sizes of the parishes vary dramatically across the county. Large parishes such as Blyth, Worksop, Edwinstowe and Greasley dominate the west of the county whereas in contrast the south-east of Nottinghamshire is notable for many small parishes.



I have recently revised it so please have a look at the map and let me know if you spot any errors!

- [Map of Nottinghamshire parishes and townships c.1835](#)

## 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 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**

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

## Woodborough

For info contact Mike Chapman: [chapman481@btinternet.com](mailto:chapman481@btinternet.com)

Date	Speaker	Title
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

## NLHA LIST OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPEAKERS

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

**David Speed** ([speeddavid06@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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....

**NEW: *'General' William Booth – from Nottingham to the World*:** a man who perhaps needs no introduction, but what do you really know about how Booth's impact spread from the backstreets of Nottingham to over a hundred countries worldwide? An extraordinary story of one of the county's best-known figures.

***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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.bobmassey.info)

**Maggy Watkins** can be contacted at [talksandtours@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

Contact: [heritagetalks@outlook.com](mailto:heritagetalks@outlook.com) or Telephone: 07922 496682

- 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](mailto: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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**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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