



NEWSLETTER

February 2026



The American photographer Thomas Warren Sears (1880-1966) spent some time in Nottinghamshire in about 1906-8 and left a collection of photographs. He was a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. No doubt this explains why several of his pictures relate to Welbeck, Thoresby etc.

The picture is of Edwinstowe High Street and shows a cart belonging to Sleaford and Son of the Sherwood Bakery in Edwinstowe. The Sleafords seem to have been influential Wesleyans in Edwinstowe with J E Sleaford as its school superintendent and Mrs Sleaford training them to sing.

Sears took hundreds of photos including in France and Scotland, and many of them have not been identified. For example, here is one that is 'somewhere in England':



Could this be in Nottinghamshire too?

Meanwhile, please note we are missing 2025-6 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

Events



NOTTS LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

Ravenshead Village Hall

Our fantastic programme of speakers:

Gill Sarre: Thieves, Poachers & more than the occasional Drunk!

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How law and order was administered in 19th century Farnsfield. Rural crime and punishment, the 'career' parish constable and a glimpse into the lives of a cast of colourful characters who found themselves on the wrong side of the law.

I have worked in, or for, the NHS for the whole of my career, as a Speech & Language Therapist in Nottingham, then as Research Manager and Facilitator in Primary Care organisations in the East Midlands. A lifelong love of history has led to a new direction in retirement, researching the history of Farnsfield and its inhabitants, primarily in the 18th and 19th centuries. I am also secretary of the Farnsfield Local History Society.

Michael Kirkby: Sir John Borlase Warren and his expedition to Quiberon Bay in 1795

Join Michael to learn about local Admiral, Sir John Borlase Warren, and his expedition to Quiberon Bay in 1795 where he led a daring and high-risk expedition that intended to end the Republican takeover of France and restore the French monarch to the throne.

Michael Kirkby is a local military historian who specialises in Warfare and the British Army in the 18th and 19th centuries. His key areas of interest are The War of the Spanish Succession, The Napoleonic Wars, Campaigns of the Victorian Army and The Anglo-Zulu War. Whatever the era, Michael always tries to find local connections through either the men or the regiments.

Adam Nightingale: Captain John Deane, Wilford's Village's Reluctant Cannibal

Wilford native Captain John Deane was a sailor, merchant, soldier and secret agent. He was also a reluctant cannibal. Shipwrecked off the coast of New England in 1710, John Deane and his crew were forced to eat human flesh to survive. The resulting scandal was just the beginning of a life of misadventure that took Captain Deane to Russia as a mercenary for Peter the Great, and to Amsterdam and Ostend spying on Jacobite troublemakers for the British Government. Join Adam Nightingale as he tells the fascinating story of one of Nottingham's great forgotten 18th Century anti-heroes.

Adam Nightingale is an author, performer and podcaster. He has written five history books including *Murder and Crime: Nottingham* and *The Shipwreck Cannibals: Captain John Deane and the Boon Island Fleshing Eating Scandal*. Adam is a member of the spoken musical spoken word trio *The Fighting Nightingales*. He is the creator of the historical comedy character Professor Edvard von Goosechaser. He co-hosts the *Punching Up Movie Podcast*.

Stephen Walker: 'Bulwell, 1750-1880: Industrialisation and urbanisation in the Leen valley'

Stephen explores the evidence for the development of a Nottingham suburb through industrialisation and urbanisation.

Saturday 28th March 2026

10am to 4:00pm
at the Village Hall
Ravenshead
NG15 9BN

How to Book:

NLHA members: £9

Non-members: £10

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nottinghamshire-local-history-associations-spring-forum-tickets-1982111557024?aff=oddtcreator>

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Bonington Gallery presents *A Semester in Nottingham, 1976*, an exhibition of photographs by American photographer and videographer John Dean.

In the Spring of 1976, Dean was a 20 year old visiting student from the Maryland Institute College of Art, taking part in an exchange programme with Trent Polytechnic (now Nottingham Trent University). During his short visit, he created a powerful body of work that captures Nottingham during a year of profound social and economic change.

Armed with a camera and quiet curiosity, Dean immersed himself in the rhythms of Nottingham life. Over the course of a single semester, he wandered the city's streets and parks — Hyson Green, Market Square, the Arboretum — capturing striking black-and-white portraits of residents going about their daily lives. The resulting images are both documentary and deeply personal, offering an intimate glimpse into the lives of Nottingham residents during this transformative era.

The exhibition marks a significant homecoming to the institution where Dean studied fifty years ago. Now, half a century on, these photographs will be exhibited, many for the first time, in the city where they were made.

First developed in Trent's own darkrooms (still situated next door to Bonington Gallery, in the School of Art & Design), these photographs have remained largely unseen for decades. Now, they return to the place of their origin, standing as a testament to the power of observational storytelling, told through the eyes of a visitor to the city.

John Dean has since built a distinguished career as a producer and videographer, creating historical and educational media for museums and non-profit organisations across the United States. Yet photography remains his first and most enduring creative language — a medium through which he continues to explore the intersections of memory, environment, and human experience.

Bob Massey History Walks and Talks

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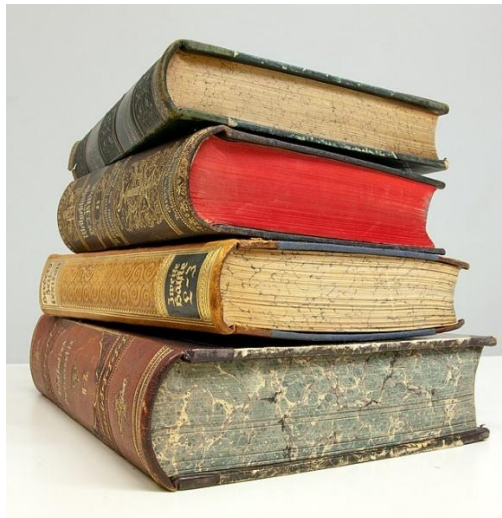
the Bread and Bitter Mapperley 8th Feb at 8pm

The Ghostmill of Arnold (Finding the lost mill)

Arnold history group Methodist church Arnold 17th Feb 7pm

Sherwood Forest Day (Tales of the Forest)

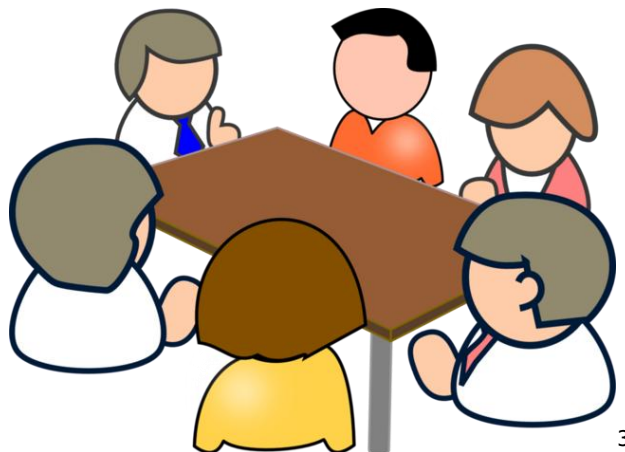
Calverton Village Hall 20th feb 10-1pm



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BOOK STUFF!

Have you got a book on Notts history? You can send the NLHA a copy and share information about it through our Facebook pages. Contact the newsletter editor for reviews and wider coverage.



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ANY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

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

[NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORY | Facebook](#)

TALKS AND MEETINGS

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

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

³ Wikimedia Commons public dedication

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.

Aslockton: Cranmer Local History Society

Contact: kaucker@gmail.com or 01949 850298

Or: Robert James on rob.james1805@btinternet.com

2nd June 2026: Adrian Gray, 'Marriage Disasters of Sherwood'.

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.

Jill Oakland (Chair) Beeston & District LHS

Feb 18 Laura Parker ... more finds from Wollaton Park digs

Mar 18 Stephen Wright... Nottingham in the 1960s

Apr 15 Stephen Walker... From bluebells to bluetits: the natural habitat of Moor Pond Woods, near Papplewick.

May 20 Val Wood ... Nan Green, nurse in the Spanish Civil War. Nan's blue plaque is at her Glebe street home in Beeston.

Jun 17 Robert Mee... A Derbyshire Railway Outing.

Jul 15 John Shaw Claringbull, a Stapleford photographer.
One of the early photographic pioneers, Claringbull developed a portable developing tent c1880

Sep 16 Jill Oakland... Food from Nottinghamshire.
In 1936, the Nottingham Evening Post asked, 'apart from Colwick cheese and Mansfield's gooseberry pies, are there dishes peculiar to Nottinghamshire?'

Oct 21 Friends of Beeston Station... The Role of the Railways in WW1.
Members of the friends group will talk about their research into the lives of WW1 station employees and examine the how the railways were utilised in WW1 .

Nov 18 Chris Weir... Nottinghamshire's Dark Side.

Bilborough: St Martin's History Group

Evening Talks 2026

**These are on the Third Tuesday each month from April to September, 7 pm
for 1-1.5 hrs**

**Meetings are held in the church which at the end of St Martin's Road, NG8
3BH, off Strelley Road. Parking also available on Wigman Road NG9 4BH with
footpath access through St Agnes Close . NCT bus services 35 and 77**

Non - members £5, refreshments available

Date	Speaker	Topic
April 21	Steve Lees	The start of a National Ambulance Service and the creation of an emergency team of life savers
May 19	Mo Cooper	Nottingham Lace Market, who and what made the market a success
June 16	David Moore	Lowdham Signal Box and improved train braking

		system
July 21	Gordon Fletcher	The research and creation of a record of the long lost Clumber Park Ducal Mansion (book available for purchase on the night)
August 18	Steven Flinders	The life and times in Tudor Ilkeston
September 15	Terry Johnston	The rebuilding of the Great Central Railway to Nottingham

Bleasby

Contact: barbaracast@btinternet.com

Programme 2025 – 2026

All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 24th February 2026 - Ogle Tarbottle and the History of Sewage Disposal

Speaker - Richard Jones

Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Annual Meeting followed by something to entertain



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 3rd No Speaker, An evening with members & Guests Participation

March 3rd: Society AGM & Meetings Review

BRAMCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Bramcote Local History Group
Programme 2026**

Raleigh Bicycles—an iconic brand
Monday 20th April, 8pm Ian Newton

Down the Marshes
Monday 18th May, 8pm Chris Weir

History of the Erewash Canal
& the Sandiacre Lock Cottages
Monday 15th June, 8pm Glyn Stenson

Newstead Abbey:
Curating Lord Byron's Life
Monday 20th July, 8pm Simon Brown

Bramcote's Mansions
Monday 21st September, 8pm Val Bird

AGM *plus* Home Brewery & John Robinson
Monday 19th October, 8pm Bob Massey

Summer Visits to be confirmed

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

Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £3.00.
Refreshments available.

See our website for further details
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

All meetings take place in
St. Michael's Church Centre, Church St., Bramcote NG9 3HD
Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £3.00.
Refreshments available.

See our website for further events, walks etc.
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society meets at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May, with the exception of December, in Burton Joyce Library.

The annual cost for members is £15.00. Visitors are most welcome. Please pay £3.00 on the door.

Chair: Steve Wright
Teresa 07855 082416. Email: secretary@bjblhs.uk
Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840.

Date	Speaker	Topic
11 February 2026	Dave Mooney	The History of Busking and Street Performance
11 March 2026	Laura Parker	Excavations on the Burbage
8 April 2026	Chris Weir	Village and Town Bands
13 May 2026	Peter Liddle	Bradgate Park

Coddington History Group

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

All the events are in the Village Hall, Main Street starting at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, Members FREE, non- members £2 - includes refreshments.

Contact: iturner@coddington.org.uk

Programme 2025-26

All the events are in the Village Hall, Main Street starting at 7:30pm, generally the 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone welcome, Members FREE, non- members £2 - includes refreshments

Thursday 19th February 2026. Ian Jackson – *The Derwent in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire*. The power of water, and harnessing it to aid technology.

Thursday 19th March 2026. *Andrew Smart – Their names will live on.* An illustrated talk about local unsung war heroes, drawn from his book of the same name.

Thursday 16th April 2026 *Denis Hill – The History and Heritage of Wellow village.* – That's the one with the maypole! Discover more about this quintessential North Nottinghamshire village

Thursday 21st May 2026 *Stephen Gay – Woodhead, the lost railway – Part 2.* Stephen scarcely needs an introduction- he has entertained us with tales and wonderful photos several times before. This talk leads us along the rest of the line.

East Leake & District Local History Society

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

2026

January 21st 7.30pm

“Law and Order. The History of Police and Policing” – a talk by Bob Massey

February 18th 7.30pm

“Medieval Great Houses of the East Midlands” a talk by Dr. James Wright

March 18th 7.30pm

“Educating East Leake” – a talk by Jacki Allan

April 15th 7.30pm

“Lady Arbella – the Queen that Never Was” – a talk by David Templeman

May 20th 7.30pm

“Rushcliffe Estate” a talk by the Rushcliffe Estate Project Team

Edwinstowe Historical Society

www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk

enquiries: EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com

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

After many years Edwinstowe Historical Society have changed their venue. Instead of meeting in St Mary's Church Rooms, Edwinstowe, future meetings will be held at Edwinstowe House, High Street, Edwinstowe, NG21 9PR. Dates and times will remain the same, with the next meeting taking place on 18th February.

It would be appreciated if mention of this change could be made in future editions of the NLHA newsletters, please.

Of course, this will affect your visit to us on 15th April, next, when we look forward to hearing your talk about "Historical Highlights from Newark & Sherwood."

Visitors welcome at a charge of £3
Programme for 2025/26

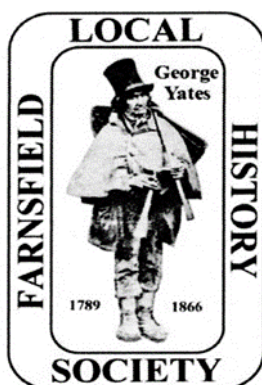
2026.

January 21st	No meeting	
February 18th	Mary Queen of Scots. Part 2.	<i>David Templeman</i>
March 18th	Lace, Slums & the Occasional Riot (The making of Victorian Nottingham)	<i>Chris Weir</i>
April 15th	Historical Highlights from Newark & Sherwood.	<i>Adrian Gray</i>
May 20th	AGM	
June 17th	English Country Houses (not what they seem)	<i>Mike Higginbottom</i>

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.



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

11th February	The Archbishop of York's Palace at Southwell	Roger Blaney
11th March	AGM Followed by an informal evening with FLHS archive material, quiz. Details to follow	
8th April	The Treachery of Prince John and the siege of Nottingham Castle 1194	Paul Mann
13th May	Southwell: Hidden heritage and archaeological enigmas. Southwell Community Archaeology Group	Steve Rogers
10th June	Bits & Bobs. Items from Granny's attic – can you guess what they are!	Bob & Dell Neill
8th July	Summer Social	
9th September	Mashed potato sandwiches and bottle top tinsel: Rose Buckner's post-war world of home-making A fascinating look at home-making, parenting and cooking in times of austerity as shown by Rose Buckner, who wrote about it in her book and columns for the <i>Sunday People</i> newspaper.	Ann Featherstone
14th October	Lace, slums and the occasional riot! The making of Victorian Nottingham	Chris Weir
11th November	The History of Farnsfield : The village over time and some of its colourful characters.	Gill Sarre
9th 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).

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

Harby History Group calendar for 2026

25 February- King Arthur. Returning guest speaker Erik Grigg.

25 March- Richard III or Mary Magdalen. Topic TBC. Member speaker Harold Paine.

29 April- The Development of the English Knight. Returning guest speaker Nigel Amos.

27 May- Holme Church. Trip. Guided by Nigel Priestley of Collingham History Society. 7pm start. Cash donations to the church.

24 June- History Walk of Boultham Park. Trip. 6:30pm start. £4 per person. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

30 September- Rhyme and Reason 3. Returning guest speaker Sam Millard.

28 October- International Bomber Command Centre. Guest speaker Dave Gilbert.

25 November- RAF Ground Personnel. Returning guest speaker Dan Ellin.

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

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

Chinemarelian (Kimberley) Historical Society

All talks are on a Thursday evening starting at 7.30pm, in Kimberley Community Room, (part of Kimberley School), Newdigate Street, Kimberley NG16 2NJ.

Annual membership is £6. Talks cost £2 to members and visitors are welcome to attend them for a cost of £4.

Contact s.arundel@sky.com for further information.

Programme 2025-26 Season:

5th February - Dr David Nunn - "Frank Burton, Kimberley's Hero of Arnhem"

5th March - Elizabeth Holloway - "The Life and Times of a Little Mester"

2nd April - Stephen Flinders - "The Magnificent Seven - the end of a 19th Century Horror and the Birth of the Garden Cemetery"

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

**January & February meetings will be at 2.30 at the Woodborough Institute Hall.
All other meetings will be at 7.30 at Lowdham WI Hall.**

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| Feb 23 | Gary Stevenson – “You were here” – Nottinghamshire maps
This will be a presentation of a geographical survey through time from 1500 to 1900 of maps of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (including Lambley), but there will be some actual maps to look at too. |
| Mar 23 | Tom Andrews – Captain Athelstan Popkess, the Greatest Policeman
Could it be possible that one man is responsible for the transition of British policing from its Victorian era beat model, to the modern responsive, mobile era? If there is such a candidate, that man would be Capt Athelstan Popkess, chief constable for Nottingham City police for nearly thirty years, who oversaw the introduction of police cars, police radios, forensic science, and the burglar alarm, among much else. |
| Apr 27 | David Longford – Framework Knitting and the Celebration of May Day
Susan Russell and David Longford will present an illustrated talk about their work at the Framework Knitters Museum in Ruddington, alongside the wider history of framework knitting and its role in the unique celebrations of May Day. This includes Lambley's very own Cowslip Sunday. |
| May 12 | Guided tour of Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum
Following David's talk, he will take us to discover how framework knitters and their families lived and worked there in Victorian times, telling the 400 year history of framework knitting, from its role in the Industrial Revolution to the infamous Luddite riots of the 1800s, and how framework knitting gave birth to the Nottingham lace industry. |
| June 09 | Guided walk round Southwell
Members of Southwell Local History Society will take us round Southwell looking at all the major historical points. |
| July 07 | Guided tour of the Walks of Life Museum, Tuxford
Our guide will show us round The Walks of Life Museum which is home to a unique collection of hand-pushed vehicles collected by the late Dorothy Harrison, and many other items. Afterwards, there is also an option to visit the Museum of the Horse, just a short walk away. |
| Sep 28 | Graham Hayes – the Da Vinci inventions
Leonardo Da Vinci was one of the most amazing men that ever lived. His fields of interest included Painting, Sculpting, Architecture, Music, Anatomy, Geology, Cartography, Botany, Writing and Inventing. Although he was accomplished at all these things, it is mainly his inventions Graham will talk about at this meeting |
| Oct 26 | Chris Weir – Lace, Slums & the Occasional Riot! The Making of Old Nottingham
This talk explores the character of Victorian Nottingham, highlighting hosiery and lace, the delights of Goose Fair, the impact of T.C. Hine and other notable architects and the struggles of the labouring classes. |
| Nov 23 | Keith Small – The History of Tobacco and Its Effect on Nottinghamshire
This talk follows the discovery of tobacco for Europe, with claims of its medicinal value, the rapid development of tobacco products as socially accepted habit and |

the effects of the two World Wars on the tobacco market. As a focus point, John Players family history in Nottingham working up to ITL's Horizon Factory becoming the only UK manufacturer of tobacco products, followed by the total loss of the industry to European manufacturers and the growth of substitute products.

Lowdham Local History Society

Meetings are normally at the WI Hall from 7.30pm.

2026

12th February Ellis Morgan talking about 'The History of Thurgarton'.

12th March Steve Wright talking about 'The history of Nottingham Mining'.

9th April John Cotterill talking about 'Nottinghamshire in the Great War'.

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: National Civil War Centre

Fri 12 December 2025, 7pm



**A Merry Noyse at
Christmas**

Sat 31 January 2026, 7pm



For Whom the Bell Tolls

Wed 4 February 2026, 7pm



**Queen James : LGBTQ
History Month**

Fri 13 February 2026, 7pm

Sat 31 January 2026, 7pm

Wed 4 February 2026, 7pm



**The British Civil Wars and
the Wider World**



**The Norton Disney
Dodecahedron**



**Silent Witnesses: What the
Human Remains Tell us
About the Battle of
Stokefield**

Sat 2 May 2026, 4.30pm



Country Beats and Dancing Feet: Dancing in Stuart England

Bookings: [📅 A Little Something for Fellow History Enthusiasts 📅](#)

NOTTINGHAM

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Speakers for 2026

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21 February AGM; short talk by Ed Breeds: Green's Mill: Current projects and future plans
Bring-and-buy sale in aid of funds

21 March Adrian Gray: Marriage Disasters of the Sherwood Nobility
adriangray@pilgrims&prophets.co.uk

18 April Catherine Pincott-Allen: The demise of Richard Thomas Parker, the last man to be
publicly hanged in Nottingham

16 May Ann Inscker: Recent developments across the Human History Collections of
Nottingham's museums

20 June Stephen Wright: Trains, trams & trolleybuses: Public transport in Nottingham

18 July Rowena Edlin-White: Sherwood Forest Group of Writers

August - no meeting

19 September Robert Mee: Classified: A look at 18th & 19th century advertisements in local
newspapers

17 October Grant Cullen: William Henry Lee: Worksop's WWI VC

21 November Mark Dawson: Nottinghamshire puddings

12 December Graham Woodward: History of Royal Mail roadside pillar boxes. Raffle in aid of
funds

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



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 2025-6 season have been arranged:

February 19th The railways around Kirkby in Ashfield - Like a rural Clapham Junction. David Amos
March 19th British Industry in World War 1. Grant Cullen
April 23rd Papplewick Pumping Station. Peter Nicholls
May 21st Signalling on the Great Central railway. Tom Ingall
All on Thursdays at 7:30pm

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.

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/nottsderbyslabourhistorysociety>

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire
Labour History Society**
Supported by Nottingham and Mansfield TUC

The General Strike of 1926



A talk by Professor Emeritus Chris Wrigley

The General Strike was a solidarity action with the miners called by the TUC. Following the end of the First World War and the brief post-war economic boom, coal owners wanted to slash miners' wages. The TUC called trade unionists out in sequence but many trade unionists did not wait and walked out. The government mobilised many strikebreakers, the better-to-do saw it as great fun. In fact, there was a great deal of bitterness and much victimisation at the end.

Saturday February 7th 2.00 pm

**Queens Walk Community Centre
Nottingham NG2 2DF
Ground Floor Room 4**

*The venue is immediately opposite the Queen's Walk Tram Stop
and has a car park accessed from Houseman Gardens.
Please note that the entrance is at the back of the building.*

A voluntary collection will be taken to defray expenses

Non-members welcome

The talk will be preceded by the NDLS AGM starting at 1.30 pm

For more information, please contact rogerntanner@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

PROGRAMME for 2025 - 2026 Season:

Monday 9th February 2026

Biblical Coins

Steve Jackson

Monday 9th March 2026

Nottinghamshire - History & Numismatics

Mark T. Ray

Monday 13th April 2026

The Dark Side of Medallions

Simon Wilson

Monday 13th July 2026

Annual General Meeting

NUTHALL AND DISTRICT

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

Visitors welcome £3 per meeting

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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.

2026

11 Feb *The life of Mary Bailey, poet and lace runner* by Karen Winyard

11 Mar *Nottingham Castle in 1000 years of history* by Dave Barton

8 Apr *Lowdham Grange Borstal* by Jeremy Lodge

6 May *Laura Knight* by Julia Powell (first Wednesday in May)

10 June *Victoria Station and the Great Central Railway* by Steve Wright

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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.

Retford & District Historical and Archaeological Society

Alternatively, please email retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

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

Date	Speaker	Subject
2026		
11 February	Gareth Howell	War Heroes to Enemies of the State: The Life, Work and Struggles of Coal Miners 1919-1990
11 March	Stephen Flinders	History Beneath our Feet
8 April	Adrian Gray	Scandal and Adultery: Marital Disasters of the Sherwood Forest Nobility
13 May AGM	Judith Goodall	Local Scattered Graves

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

Southwell

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

Programme 2025/2026

SEPTEMBER **Wednesday 24th**

Michael Kirkby
The last Redcoats of Nottinghamshire

OCTOBER **Wednesday 22nd**

Adrian Gray
Historical highlights of Newark & Sherwood

NOVEMBER **Wednesday 26th**

Mike Newbold
My 'Extra Life' (TV life)

2026

JANUARY **Wednesday 28th**

Roger Blaney
*The Archbishops of York's Palace at Southwell
– a fresh look at its origins and importance*

FEBRUARY **Wednesday 25th**

Michael Hunting
Crimean War

MARCH **Wednesday 25th**

Chris Weir
Nottingham's Dark Side

APRIL **Wednesday 22nd**

Tom Andrews
*Murder, Violence and Knife Crime/Nottingham's
thin blue line*

MAY **Wednesday 27th**

Paul Mann
*Prince John and the Siege of Nottingham
Castle 1194*

JUNE **Wednesday 24th**

Bob Massey
Goose Fair by film

JULY **Wednesday 22nd**

Society visit
*Exhibition Gallery at Lakeside Arts
– Nottingham University*

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 \(suttonontrent.org.uk\)](https://www.history-society-sutton-on-trent.org.uk/)

9th February Indian Army at Hampton Court with Liz Mckendrick

9th March RAF Ossington - the Airfield with Milan Petrovic

13th April The history of Sleaford Castle with Garry Titmass from the Civic Trust

Thoroton Society news

A Year in Nottinghamshire Nottinghamshire County Council Heritage

The County Council's Heritage Team has compiled 'A Year in NCC Heritage', outlining some of the work they have been involved in and some of the additions made to the Historic Environment Record during 2025
: <https://her.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/whats-new>

Time Team videos



As members may remember, Time Team was an archaeology-based programme, broadcast on Channel 4 from January 1994 to September 2014. As a former archaeologist I was a regular viewer but was always frustrated by the team giving Nottinghamshire a wide berth! That was until Series 19 in 2011 when they spent 3 days rushing around the site of King John's Palace at Kings Clipstone to the east of Mansfield.

Team Time returned in 2022 and last year explored a former World War I training camp at Sherwood Pines near Clipstone. Programmes (old and new) are now available on YouTube:

- 'King John's Lost Palace'
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mk8fcdnU9SI>)
- 'Forest to Front Line'
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6J1ueYs8_bE)

West Bridgford Local History Society

The society meets in the hall of The Methodist Chapel, Musters Road, West Bridgford on the first Monday of the month – October to April. The entrance is on Patrick Road and meetings start at 7.30. Visitors are asked for a small donation and are made very welcome

2 February 2026

“Nottingham caves: exploring underground histories” – Chris King

Dr.Chris King is an Associate Professor at Nottingham University and this talk is taken from the fascinating historical archive it holds, uncovering the multi-layered history of Nottingham’s famous caves.

2 March 2026

“The story of The Malt Cross Music Hall” – Trevor Lee

The Malt Cross on St. James’s Street was originally a Victorian Music Hall and no one knows more about it than music hall historian Trevor Lee, who has researched its past in great detail.

13 April 2026

“The trades, trials and tribulations of my grandfather” – Brian Binns

Society member Brian Binns tells the tale of his grandfather who lived in West Bridgford for 35 years and had many trials, literally, whilst living here, whilst compiling a very mixed array of occupations. Tribulations from running a nefarious business through to libel, theft and death threats!

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.

Wednesday 25th February 2026 - Karen Slade (Company of Artisans) *Medieval tiles from Lenton Abbey*. Discovery, history and reconstruction

Wednesday 25 March 2026 - *Memories of Wollaton*. Stories and recollections gathered over the course of the 2025 exhibition at The Dovecote presented by WHaCS members

Wednesday 22 April 2026 - AGM & Anja Thompson-Rohde *Coins as the First Social Media*. How messages contained in the portraits and symbols on coins acted in the past to spread news and propaganda

For further details on each of the speakers and their topics please visit www.wollatonhistorical.com

Woodborough

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Date	Speaker	Title
February 19th	Mike Chapman	Brickmaking around the County
March 19th	Steve Wright	Nottingham Victoria Station
April 16th	Bob Massey	The Higginbottoms of Arnold
May 21st	Michael Harrison	The Somme, A Landscape of Memory'
June 18th	Rosie Collins	The Birkin Family from Lace to Fame
July 16th	No Meeting	Outing and meal?
August 20th	No Meeting	Outing and meal?
September 17th	Ann Featherstone	Mashed Potato Sandwiches
October 15th	Paul Mann	Prince John and the Siege of Nottingham Castle
November 19th	Graham Woodward	Wollaton Park Housing Estate
December 10th	Bob Massey	Christmas Traditions

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.

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 – Marriage Disasters 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.

NEW: Strange Tales of the Nottinghamshire Clergy

Nottinghamshire has been 'blessed' with more than its fair share of weird, wonderful, eccentric or downright corrupt parish clergy and diocesan officials. Here we meet a cast of unforgettable

characters from Mansfield, Southwell, Newark and Nottingham – all of whom made their mark on history for the wrong reasons. Some great ‘human interest’ stories to entertain you!

NEW: From Nottinghamshire to the World

Some amazing stories of men and women from Nottinghamshire who travelled the globe to spread their faith, encountering many enthralling adventures. Fiji, Papua New Guinea, unexplored areas of Africa...and we also hear about the famous Dr Livingstone and why he came to Newstead. Covers aspects of the county’s history often overlooked here – but celebrated in far-off corners of the Globe!

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
- * Clumber’s Walled Garden

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

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

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- Lace, Slums & The Occasional Riot! The Making of Victorian Nottingham
- The Story of Boots (Jesse Boot, Florence and the Company).
- A Woman’s Lot. Women’s History in Nottinghamshire, 1550-1950.
- The People’s War in Nottinghamshire (The Home Front WW2).
- The Nottinghamshire Heritage (Landscapes, Buildings and Communities).
- Rambling Into History (The History of Walking, Footpaths and Landscapes).
- Secrets, Mysteries & Curiosities of Nottinghamshire
- Mud, Munitions & Memorials. (Nottinghamshire & WW1)

- Nottinghamshire's Dark Side
- The Cattle Market, Nottinghamshire
- From Green Fields to an Inner Suburb, The Growth of Forest Fields.

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

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

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

I also do walks:

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

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

Lucy Brouwer

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Lucy offers talks on the architecture of Nottingham

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

Lucy is a tour guide and art history researcher who began leading walking tours focused on architecture in 2018. The popular Watson Fothergill Walk (<https://watsonfothergillwalk.com>) looks

at the architect's buildings from the late Victorian period in Nottingham. This was followed by tours looking at Fothergill's domestic architecture, the city centre buildings of Thomas Chambers Hine and illustrated talks on the lives and works of other architects.

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

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

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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

Grant Cullen

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William Henry Johnson.....Worksop`s World War One VC .

Full story of Bill`s life...from his pre-war work as a miner and also as a bellringer in Worksop Priory....his war history...then what happened to him post war.

Roger Blaney

Roger is head guide at Southwell Minster and offers:

- The Archbishops of York's Palace at Southwell: a fresh look at its origins, importance and history
- The Rise and Fall of the Medieval Chantry, not one of which has existed for 480 years
- The Chantries and Chantry Chapels of Southwell Minster: their history and significance
- A Guide's Eye View of Southwell Minster: what the casual visitor to this remarkable building rarely notices

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Sam Millard

Rogues, Vagabonds - or Heroes. The story of the Rufford Park Poachers. The night of Monday 13th October 1851 was clear and calm, lit by a full moon. A group of men from the Mansfield area with the intent of taking pheasants, rabbits and hares to provide for their families. The Earl of Scarbrough's gamekeepers were waiting; under orders to stop them.

Reason and Rhyme part 1. The stories behind some very well known rhymes.

Reason and Rhyme part 2. More stories of well known rhymes.

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