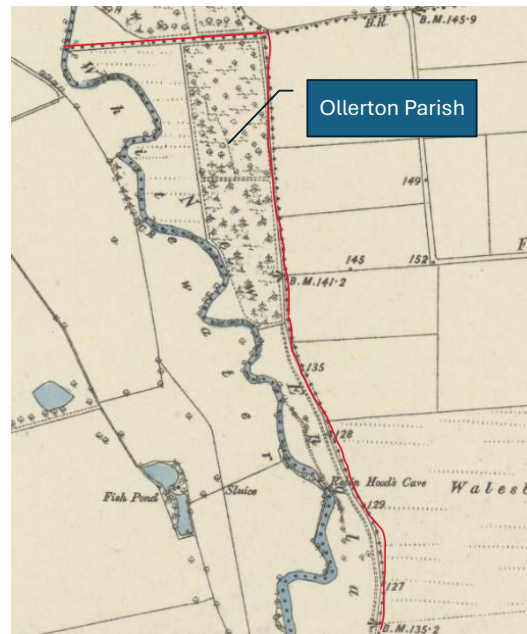
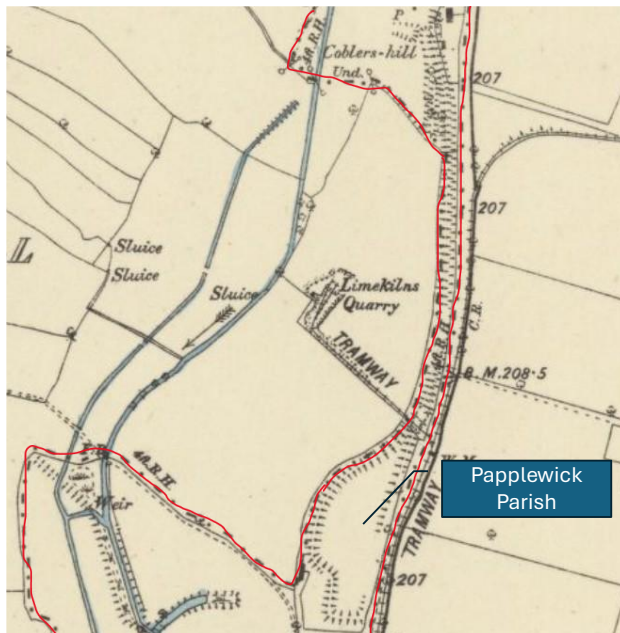




NEWSLETTER

April 2026

WEIRD BOUNDARIES



Often parish boundaries make a lot of sense – they follow an obvious natural feature such as a river or even an historic feature such as a Roman road. In the south-east of the county the prehistoric Longhedge Lane is followed by a whole succession of parish boundaries. But here we have two parish boundaries that seem to defy explanation.....suggestions are welcome!

Firstly Papplewick seems to have something of the shape of a goose being hung upside down. The main body of the parish is at the top of the map, but then there is a long and very narrow 'neck' which opens up into a wider 'head'. This arrangement seems to have been altered in the 1900s, perhaps in 1933, when much of it ended up in the Hucknall Torkard urban district.

Another strange boundary can be found at Robin Hood's Cave near Walesby. This is where the old King's Highway skirts the 'Whitewater' with a very narrow strip of land between the river and the old road having been part of Ollerton parish – somewhat remote from it in fact! This area was labelled 'New England' on early OS maps....but why? In this case I have not added both sides of the red line since the western boundary runs in the river.

JOSEPH WHITAKER'S DIFFICULT MOMENT

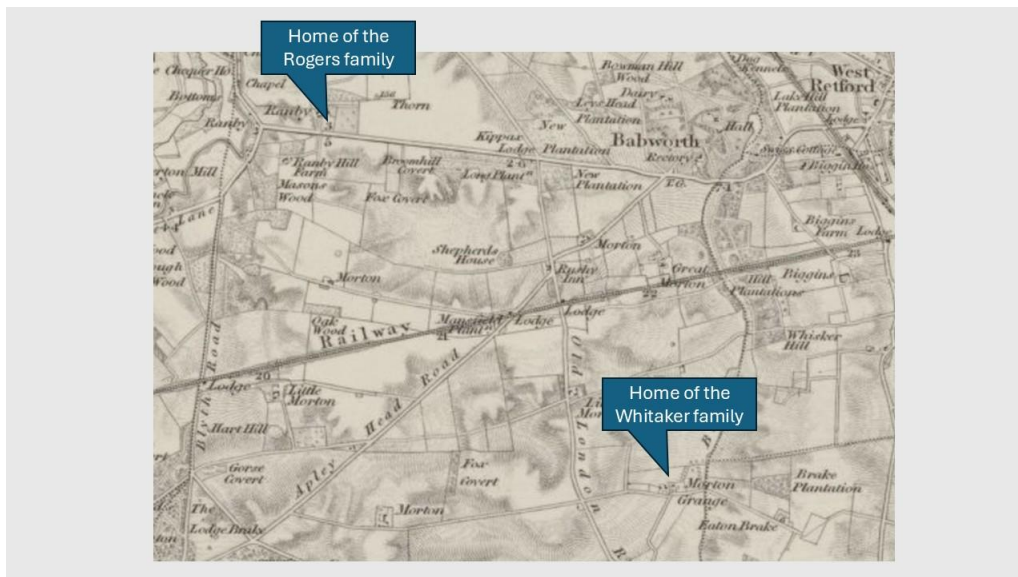


There is a famous Joseph Whitaker, the naturalist, whose name is recalled in the school at Rainworth, but he was at least the third in his family to carry this combination of names. Whitaker was an enthusiast for birds, wildlife, fishing and many other things and helped to record the last days of the old 'duck decoys' to the extent that he built one himself. His daughter made the mistake of marrying Harold Bowden, of the Raleigh cycles family, from whom she was soon divorced.

Whitaker's father was Joseph Whitaker (1799-1874) who is best known for living at Ramsdale House near Arnold. He was a famous county sportsman, a well-known agriculturalist, a backer of 'Bendigo' the boxer, and known as 'the King of Limbs' due to his physique. But he has an interesting 'back story'....

The story involves John Rogers and his wife Mary Ann, of Ranby House, just a couple of miles from where this Joseph Whitaker was born at Ordsall. Mary, from Styrrup, had brought her husband a dowry of £30,000 but he treated her 'with great neglect and severity'. This included 'debaring her from society' so that she could rarely go out.

In August 1818 Rogers and his wife had an argument and he decided to dump her and his sister off at Scarthing Moor, where there was a coaching inn between Tuxford and Newark. There they stayed for several months during the course of which Mrs Rogers, who was nearly forty, was visited by Whitaker – who was about eighteen.



Mrs Rogers was allowed back home and her contact with young Whitaker continued – he lived very close by at Morton Grange, where his father was a noted cattle breeder. Whitaker often took her into Retford in his chaise because Rogers refused to buy her a pony of her own. He also took her to some sales at Gamston and at least once to the theatre in Retford.

Rogers alleged that Whitaker and his wife had been seen kissing during a visit to Morton Grange in 1822. At about his time the married couple started sleeping in separate rooms and shortly after that began living in separate parts of the house. In 1823 Mrs Rogers became pregnant and it was supposedly 'common knowledge' that the father was not Rogers. It was later alleged that Whitaker paid 'great attention' to the child. Nonetheless Rogers did not seek a separation from his wife until 1829, following some sort of fierce argument between them.

The case at the ecclesiastical Court of Arches attracted some legal interest because it was claimed that Rogers had 'connived' at the arrangement and knew of his wife's relationship with Whitaker. This would then negate any claims for damages for 'criminal conversation' against Whitaker, although Mrs Rogers considered that claims of her adultery had not been proven.

The outcome of the case was that a separation was agreed in July 1830 but there was insufficient evidence of adultery. The servants could only speak of some rumpled clothes, not of furtive bedroom escapades. But what happened next? Despite the separation, we find Mary and John still living under the roof of Ranby House in 1841.... A 'Miss Rogers' of Ranby House married Henry Champion of Blyth, and by 1849 he was the key person at Ranby. She was Elizabeth Rogers.....the paperwork said she was the child of John and Mary Ann, but who was her actual father?

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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

UPDATE FROM LAST NEWSLETTER



Last time we published this unknown location. Molly Wright contacted us to say “I believe the “somewhere in England” photo taken by Thomas Warren Sears is one of Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe, looking eastwards. (Way before my time, but I was born in a house situated on Mansfield Road.)”

Events



We the People: America’s Fight for Freedom and Beyond

Lakeside Arts, University Park:

This exhibition marks the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. It has been jointly curated by Dr Richard Gaunt (School of Humanities) and Manuscripts and Special Collections at the University of Nottingham.

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**PILGRIMS &
PROPHETS**
CHRISTIAN HERITAGE TOURS

**HISTORY WALK & TALK
TUXFORD**



Our first walk of the new season will be an exploration of the little former market town of Tuxford, once an important staging post on the Great North Road. Discover some of the great and controversial people in its history like highwayman John Nevinson, explore the historic church, the old 'lock up', and go in search of the lost 'baths'! Was King James (allegedly) right to call it 'Tuxford in the Turd'? Come and make up your own mind!

- **Saturdays 18th and 25th April; 10am**
- Duration approx. 2.5hrs
- Walking distance approx. 3 miles, some short sections of field path
- Cost £9 per head, includes contribution to Tuxford church
- Coffee/tea and cake available for donations

Reserve by email to (mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk), or by phone to **CANDICE** on 07383 488201, including your contact details. Once confirmed you can also pay by internet. *We cannot hold a place for you if you have not paid by one week before the walk.*

WEATHER: if constant very heavy rain (rather than light drizzle) is forecast the night before, then we may contact you to re-arrange the walk.



You can also book for a similar walk at Mattersey on May 16th.

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Bob Massey History Walks and Talks

Wagon and Horses Redhill; The impossible Redhill 19th March 7pm

Robin Hood and little John Arnold : The Ghost Mill of Arnold

6th April 7pm

History walk: King George V Park 19th April 2pm

Nottinghamshire Local History Forum :at Ravenshead village hall

all day 4 speakers 10am onwards

18th April Nottingham Family History event and exhibition:

Nottm City Library 10am onwards

Courses at the Mechanics Nottingham

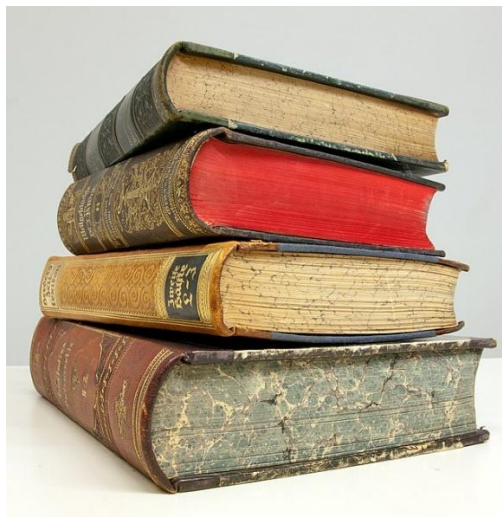
Each a full day from 10 am until 4pm

The Olympic, Britannic and Titanic White Stars finest

21st the 18th century Nottingham part 2

24th the Higginbottoms architects and educators

30th Big bands of the 20s, 30, and 40s



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BOOK STUFF!



Five Leaves
Publications
fiveleaves.co.uk

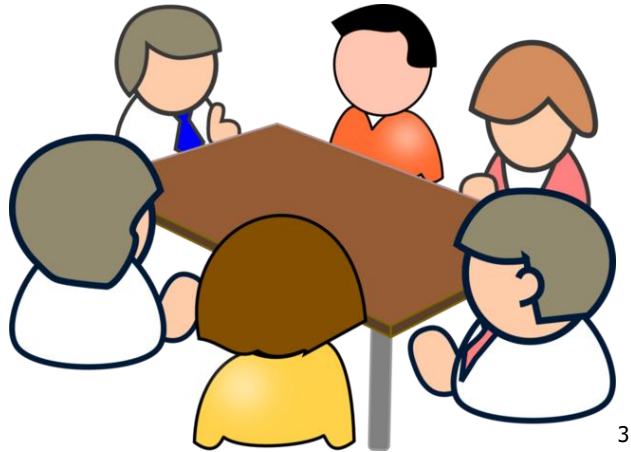
D. H. Lawrence in Nottinghamshire

Uncover some of the key influences and personalities that inspired the writings of D. H. Lawrence. With a focus on his early years in Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands, these short biographical works highlight the people and ideas that would shape Lawrence as one of the most innovative writers of the early 20th century. The series also includes reprints of short stories by Lawrence, which capture the experiences and struggles of English life in the Midlands at the turn of the century.



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OR REQUEST THEM FROM YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE

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.



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!

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. This is a FREE service.

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

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

³ Wikimedia Commons public dedication

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

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



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)

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

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Refreshments available.
See our website for further events, walks etc.
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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: secretatry@bjblhs.uk

Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840.

Date	Speaker	Topic
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 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

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

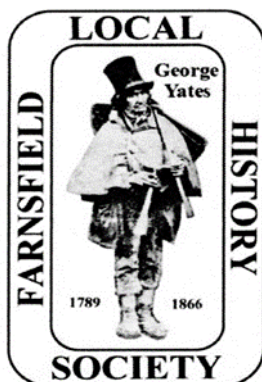
2026.

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
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

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

10th April – ‘The River Trent – England’s Heart’ Michael Burton.

1st May – ‘The Midland Railway: its contribution to the Industrial Revolution and social history’ David Charles.

5th June – ‘Detecting the Detective. Constable Benjamin Barnes’ David Speed.

3rd July – ‘Terah Hooley. A Nottingham company promoter who bought Bovril and Raleigh to the stock market and whose shady story was serialised in the News of the World’ Stephen Green.

There is no meetings in August – Summer break.

4th September – ‘The Buildings Archaeologist’ James Wright.

2nd October – ‘A History of Food and Farming. Celebrating a quarter-century talk’ David Charles.

6th November - 'Tea and the Empress of China. A story of spies , greyhound like ships and a successful plan to transplant China and India – and all because we love our cuppa’ Michael Burton.

4th December – Christmas Social. Ticket only - Festive quiz.

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:

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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.**

- 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

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

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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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.

BASEMENT OPEN DAYS

SOME OF THE FINDS FROM THE CAVES AND WELLS OF NOTTINGHAM WILL BE ON DISPLAY

WE ARE OPEN IN 2026 ON:

SAT 21ST MARCH 11-3PM

SAT 18th APRIL 11-3PM

SAT 16th MAY 11-3PM

SAT 20th JUNE 11-3PM
SAT 18th JULY 11-3PM
SAT 15th AUG 11-3PM
SAT 19th SEPT 11-3PM
SAT 17th OCT 11-3PM

35 ST MARY'S GATE LACEMARKET

ADMISSION £3.00 CHILDREN FREE

Contact: pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com

Friends of Nottingham Archives



Nottingham Industrial Heritage Association

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

The following indoor meetings for the 2025-6 season have been arranged:

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/nottsderbyslbourhistorysociety>

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire
Labour History Society**

The Spanish Civil War



A talk by Dolores Long

When the Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936, men and women, realizing that democracy was at stake and fascism was on the rise, left their country and families to support the Republican Government. Dolores Long is the daughter of Sam Wild, one of the men and women from the north who volunteered to join the International Brigades in Spain.

Saturday 21st March 2026, 2.00 p.m.
Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

The St. Thomas Centre Hall, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, S40 3AW

A voluntary collection will be taken to defray expenses

Free on-site car parking
Refreshments available

For more information, please contact rogerbarner@ahoo.co.uk / www.ndlabourhistory.org

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire
Labour History Society**

The General Strike of 1926



**Public Meeting
Talks and Discussion
Saturday May 2nd 2.00 pm**

Talks will include background to the General Strike, events in Chesterfield in 1926 and the breakaway from the mineworkers trade union, led by George Spencer of Nottinghamshire. A similar event took place after the Miners' Strike of 1984-5.

**Exhibition about General Strike
focused on Chesterfield
May 2nd 12.00 – 4.30
May 4th Mayday Bank Holiday 10.00 – 4.00**

**Former Rose Hill United Reformed Church
Rose Hill S40 1LW
(next to Chesterfield Town Hall)**

Non-members welcome
For more information, please contact rogermtanner@yahoo.co.uk
<http://www.natlabourhistory.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)

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PROGRAMME for 2025 - 2026 Season:

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

7 April

"FOLKLORE & CUSTOMS IN THE EAST MIDLANDS" - Speaker, Dave Mooney

5 May

"NUTHALL WEDDINGS" - Speaker, Jayne Byron

1 September

"WHY WAS KING ALFRED CALLED THE GREAT?" - Speaker, Mike Kelly

6 October

"DO YOU KNOW NOTTS?" - Speaker, David Speed

3 November

"REMEMBER, REMEMBER! THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER - Speaker, Bob Massey

1 December

"A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS" - Speakers, Janet & Paul Barrass

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

Subscription £15 for the year. Visitors welcome £5 per meeting including refreshments.

hsnuthall@gmail.com

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

All talks are usually on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7-30pm in the main hall of Grange Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent. Doors open at 7-00pm. Entry £3 per person on the door, either by cash or card.

2026

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
Phone: Radcliffe on Trent Local History Society:
Marion Caunt 0115 9332685, Dave Barton 0115 9332633.
Email: radcliffeontrenthistorysociety@gmail.com

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

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

Thoroton Society news

Saturday 14 March 2026

Maurice Barley Lecture

Nottingham Children's Hospital: a history

Martin Hewitt, retired Consultant Paediatrician



Forest House Childrens' Hospital

Speaker

Martin Hewitt is a retired Consultant Paediatrician at QMC with particular responsibility for children with cancer. He was appointed as a Consultant in 1993 having trained in paediatrics in south of England and has a long-standing interest in the history of children's health care. Martin was a founder member of the History of Paediatrics group at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Topic

The first hospital for sick children in Nottingham was established in 1869 near the General Hospital before moving to Forest House and then the QMC. The talk will explain how the first institution was part of a national trend in late Victorian health care. It will also introduce some of the nationally recognised doctors and nurses who helped in the development of the Nottingham hospitals.

Advance notice of Excursions for 2026

Booking forms and more information will be sent with your next newsletter but to give you a taste of what is to come:

- on 28th May, to Mansfield Fire Museum
- on 25th June, a guided tour of The Arboretum and more
- on 14th July, to John Taylor's Bell foundry in Loughborough (a return visit after renovation and the opening of the museum)

- and not forgetting the second Skills Workshop held at Manuscripts and Special Collections Archive, Kings Meadow Campus, Lenton Lane, Nottingham

Skills workshop: How to use seafaring records in research

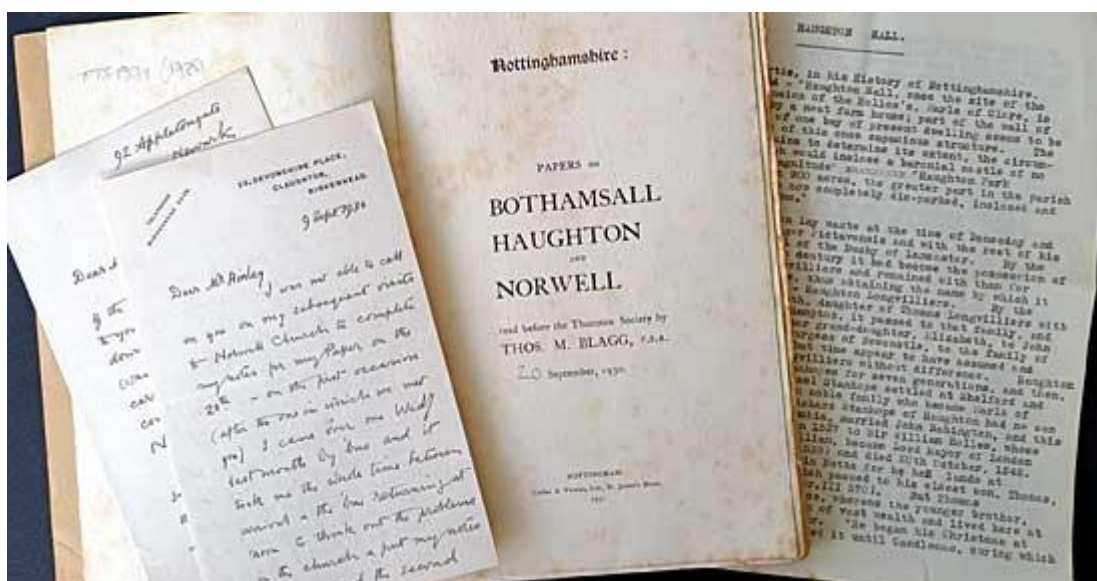
Friday 12th June, 10.00 – 12.00, King's Meadow campus

Nottinghamshire may be a landlocked county but the archives and libraries at Manuscripts and Special Collections are full of seafaring stories and records. From a shipwreck journal to ship's logs and correspondence about using steam for travel across the Red Sea, these stories are preserved in handwritten accounts and rare books to chart global histories. Attendees will look at a range of material to consider how these records can be used to understand Nottinghamshire's role in global politics and trade.

Please reserve your place by **1st June 2026.**

Ruth Strong (ruthstrong4@gmail.com)

Thomas Blagg papers



I was contacted by Alan last week who is currently researching the history of Elkesley and wanted to use a couple of early 18th century engravings of Thurland Hall that he had seen on my [Nottinghamshire History website](#). Thurland Hall was a large medieval house owned by the Earls of Clare (who also owned half of Elkesley) that stood to the north-east of Nottingham market square until its demolition in 1831.

In a follow-up email Alan mentioned he had a typescript of an article on the history of Haughton Hall by Thomas Blagg, signed by the author in September 1930, which he wanted to send to me. Blagg was a Vice-President (and one of the founders) of the Thoroton Society and related to an old family from Car Colston in south-east Nottinghamshire. Born in Collingham near Newark in 1875 by 1930 he was working as an Inspector of Immigration at Liverpool and living in Claughton, Birkenhead.



Thomas Matthews Blagg
1875-1948

Coincidentally, I have in my possession a bound copy of 'Papers on Bothamsall, Haughton and Norwell read before the Thoroton Society by Thos. M. Blagg, F.S.A., September 1930' and was very interested to see the typescript. The papers relate to an organised visit by the Thoroton Society to this part of north Nottinghamshire on 20 September 1930. The day started by stopping at the earthwork known as Bothamsall Castle then proceeding to Haughton where Blagg gave a description of the ruins of the medieval chapel and listed some of the occupants of Haughton Hall: the Stanhopes, the Holles family (who later became the Earls of Clare) and the Dukes of Newcastle. The Hall had been demolished in the late 18th century.

The party next visited the charming little church at West Markham and listened to a talk by the vicar who was busy restoring the building. After lunch at the Hop Pole Hotel in Ollerton the intrepid Thorotonians travelled to Norwell church where they were met by the vicar, the Rev B. S. Ainley, and a large crowd of parishioners. The vicar declared that 'they all felt extremely honoured at being visited by so learned a society, and he thanked them very much.'

Tucked inside my bound copy of Blagg's papers are two notelets written by Blagg and addressed to the vicar of Norwell. One dated 9 September apologises for having visited the church to research his paper for the Thoroton Society visit on the 20th and not having time to meet up with him. He wrote that it took him 'the whole time between arrival and the bus returning [to Newark presumably] at noon to think out the problems in the church and put my notes down.'

The second note, dated 19 September, warns the vicar that he has posted a print ('pasted down on a stiff card') to him to be displayed during the talk at the church the following day. This was because he wanted 'to save the bother of carrying it half round the county ... before reaching Norwell.' The vicar was instructed to display the print 'on the table in the vestry.'

Blagg's articles were subsequently published in the *Transactions of the Thoroton Society* for 1931.

Thanks to Alan's generosity it has been very satisfying to reunite these items after 95 years!

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

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 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

For info contact Mike Chapman: chapman481@btinternet.com

The Institute, Roe Lane, Woodborough NG14 6BW

Date	Speaker	Title
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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; 'Going to Church in the Middle Ages', 'A History of Broxtowe Hall', 'He sailed with Captain Cook- Benjamin Drawwater', 'Captain Cook and the Health of His Men'.

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.

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....

'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.

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!

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 of the Bassetlaw landscape: 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 of the Newark and Sherwood landscape: 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.

The Meandering Trent

This talk follows the Trent through a fascinating section from Dunham Bridge, past Gainsborough, as far as Stockwith Ferry. It explores the changing geography of the river including vanishing islands and catastrophic floods, as well as considering how people have tried to control it. Find out about the mysterious terms 'warping' and 'gyrne holes' as well as stories of the Viking settlers, famous bridges, lost ferries and a famous pottery!

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.

www.bobmassey.info

Maggy Watkins can be contacted at talksandtours@gmail.com or by mobile: 07950167821. Her talks are fully illustrated and include:

- * The Mayflower Pilgrims
- * Mayflower New Beginnings - notable characters, myths and firearms in America
- * Katherine Swynford the Scandalous Duchess
- * Clumber's Walled Garden

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

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

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.

Steve Wright

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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 Oxton 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 Scarborough'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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