



## NEWSLETTER

June 2026

### Dealing with Saddle Pains.....



How many important medieval surgeons connected with Nottinghamshire can you name?

Probably, not many, and one that is quite famous might actually make you squirm a bit! John Aderne, a notable 14<sup>th</sup> Century surgeon, was born about 1307 and we can date his time in the county because he himself wrote 'I, John Arderne, from the first pestilence, which was in the year of our Lord 1349, till the year 1370, lived at Newark, in the county of Nottingham'.

He wrote this in the introduction to his famous work 'Practica of fistula-in-ano' – a guide to how to operate on a fistula at a sensitive area in the anatomy. I remember being told this was 'lorry driver's disease' but in the 1300s it would have been a problem for men who spent a long time in the saddle, and Aderne's most significant patient was indeed one of our local knights.

This was Sir Adam Everingham, of Laxton in the Clay, near Tuxford, who became second Lord Everingham and who died in 1388. Sir Adam had been campaigning in France but had become very uncomfortable, but French surgeons told him there was nothing that could be done for him. However

back at home he found Adferne willing to give it a try and did it so successfully that the knight lived another thirty years.

Aderne wrote his treatment up into a book, which was unusual at the time as most medical books tried to cover everything – but here was a specialist guide. His expertise meant that he could then charge high sums for operations on other poorly knights! The book is one of the most fascinating illustrated manuscripts, although the picture I have included is one of a ‘happy customer’ after surgery. Aderne also included several detailed pictures of procedures and instruments, but I am not sure readers of the NLHA Newsletter are quite ready for those!

If you want to find out, there is an article here: [Blogathon: John Arderne’s Practica of fistula-in-ano: hitting a bum note? – University of Glasgow Library Blog](#)

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

CONTRIBUTIONS to the NLHA Newsletter can also be sent to: [newsletter@nlha.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@nlha.org.uk)

## Events

**Retford and District Historical and Archaeological Society**

**presents**

**LESLEY SMITH as Anne Boleyn**



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 7-00pm**

# Retford Grove St Methodist Church

**£8 tickets on sale at The Hub Cannon Square or pay at the door (subject to availability)**

**ALL WELCOME**

## Nottingham University

I'm emailing as a PhD student in English/Place-names from the University of Nottingham. We're organising a conference/showcase day to celebrate some of the research from students and early career researchers in history, English and linguistics from across the country. This will be held at the University of Nottingham on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The event is open to all and we would be delighted to have attendees from outside the university as well. If you think this might be of interest to members of the NLHA or any local societies, please do feel free to forward this message on wherever appropriate. I've attached a copy of the flyer and the link to the website and registration is below.

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/english/events/events/ll-2526/life-and-landscapes-2526.aspx>

Thank you for your help,

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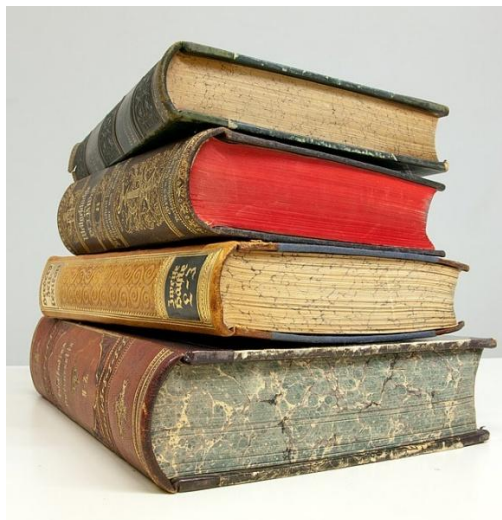


## **We the People: America's Fight for Freedom and Beyond**

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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**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!

**Meanwhile, please note we are missing 2026-7 details for several local societies. If you are involved, please send your programme to [newsletter@nlha.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:alhgroupo@gmail.com)

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

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<sup>3</sup> Wikimedia Commons public dedication

June 16th Hayden Reed: 'The Back Line' - A Journey in Pictures along the Great Northern Railway from Colwick to Basford

July 21st Mo Cooper: History of the St Anns allotments

August 18th Colin Robins: '550 years of Wollaton Park'

September 15th James Wright, The Buildings Archaeologist: Hidden Historic Houses of Nottinghamshire

October 20th Chris Weir: The Making of Modern Nottingham

November 17th Andy McKinnon: Arnold Then and Now

**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](mailto:kaucker@gmail.com) or 01949 850298

Or: Robert James on [rob.james1805@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.james1805@btinternet.com)

2nd June 2026 at 7.30pm: 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](mailto: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

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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
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](mailto: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)

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:secretary@bjblhs.uk)

Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840.

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

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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*

## East Leake & District Local History Society

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

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## Edwinstowe Historical Society

[www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk](http://www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk)  
enquiries: [EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com](mailto: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

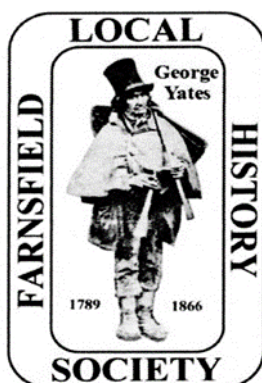
**2026.**

June 17th                      English Country Houses (not what they seem)                      *Mike Higginbottom*

**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.

<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Archbishop of York's Palace at Southwell</b>	<b>Roger Blaney</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bits &amp; Bobs.</b> Items from Granny's attic – can you guess what they are!	<b>Bob &amp; Dell Neill</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Social</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Mashed potato sandwiches and bottle top tinsel: Rose Buckner's post-war world of home-making</b> 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.	<b>Ann Featherstone</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Lace, slums and the occasional riot!</b> The making of Victorian Nottingham	<b>Chris Weir</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>The History of Farnsfield : The village over time and some of its colourful characters.</b>	<b>Gill Sarre</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas meal</b>	

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

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

## HARBY

Harby History Group started over 20 years ago. We meet in Harby Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month (apart from July, August & December).

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

### Harby History Group calendar for 2026

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](mailto:jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk)

## KEYWORTH

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

Guests Welcome - £2 on the door

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – ‘Detecting the Detective. Constable Benjamin Barnes’ David Speed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**4<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘The Buildings Archaeologist’ James Wright.

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

**6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Social. Ticket only - Festive quiz.

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

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](mailto:s.arundel@sky.com) for further information.

Programme 2026-27 Season:

- 3rd September - "The Story of Bennerley Viaduct" (Glynn Lowth)
- 1st October - "A Woman's Lot: Women's History in Nottinghamshire 1550 - 1950s" (Chris Weir)
- 5th November - "Nottingham's Caves" (Peter Godley)
- 3rd December - "The Buildings Archaeologist" (Dr James Wright)
- 7th January - "Steaming Back in Time: Kimberley to Pinxton by Rail" (Dr David Amos)
- 4th February - "Almshouses: Past, Present and Local" (Robert Mee)
- 4th March - "Trafalgar and the Men of Nottinghamshire" (Stephen Flinders)
- 1st April - "In & Out of Wedlock - Four Case Studies" (Karen Winyard).

## LAMBLEY

*All talks take place at Lowdham WI Hall on a Monday evening, start at 7.30 and are followed by tea or coffee afterwards. New members and guests always welcome. Full details at [www.lambleyheritage.co.uk](http://www.lambleyheritage.co.uk)*

***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.***

- 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.

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## Newark: National Civil War Centre

# NOTTINGHAM

## FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM MUSEUMS

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

### Speakers for 2026

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

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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janetlievesley@gmail.com) beforehand so that staff at the Castle Gatehouse can be informed

If you are interested in joining us, please contact [janetlievesley@gmail.com](mailto:janetlievesley@gmail.com)

## NOTTINGHAM HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We have a working party on a Tuesday morning from 11-1pm, if anyone is interested and would like to join us recording the finds and reassembling the pottery. no experience required as training will be given.

Also we are available to give illustrated talks to groups about the Caves of Nottingham.

### **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 20th JUNE 11-3PM**

**SAT 18th JULY 11-3PM**

**SAT 15<sup>th</sup> AUG 11-3PM**

**SAT 19<sup>th</sup> SEPT 11-3PM**

**SAT 17<sup>th</sup> OCT 11-3PM**

**35 ST MARY'S GATE LACEMARKET**

**ADMISSION £3.00 CHILDREN FREE**

Contact: [pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com](mailto:pauline.dewberry@ntlworld.com)

Friends of Nottingham Archives



## Nottingham Industrial Heritage Association

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

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

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

## NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

For more information and updates:

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

email: [nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com)

## Nottingham: other events

### Watson Fothergill Walks

Join tour guide Lucy Brouwer to explore the Nottingham city centre buildings of Victorian architect Watson Fothergill. Why did the Victorians think a mortgage was like a monkey? How can one architect have two names on one building? What links one of Nottingham's foremost Victorian architects with Mick Jagger and Thomas Hardy? These questions and more will be answered on a guided walk around the buildings of architect Watson Fothergill in Nottingham City Centre. Learn about the buildings of one of Nottingham's most prominent Victorian architects, his signature style and the influence of the Gothic on the city's buildings.

A walk of approximately 2km (1.25 miles) 2 hours. Participants are asked to come prepared for all weather eventualities and to wear footwear suitable for city walking. Meet for 10 am start outside Nottingham Tourism Centre on Smithy Row (next to Council House). Finish at Fothergill's pub where there is the option to stay for refreshments. Advanced booking is essential as places are limited. Maximum group size 20. <https://watsonfothergillwalk.com>

## Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society

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

## Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

*REGULAR VENUE:*  
*Beeston Suite,*

*GENERAL MEETINGS:*  
*Monthly: September to April*

*Highfields Fire Station,  
Hassocks Lane, Beeston,  
Nottingham. NG9 2GQ*

*& AGM in July,  
Start time: 6.45pm.  
(Auction viewing from 6.00pm)*

Contact: [marktray60@gmail.com](mailto:marktray60@gmail.com)

**PROGRAMME for 2025 - 2026 Season:**

**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

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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

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

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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)*

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

## Thoroton Society news

### New entries on the Nottinghamshire Heritage Gateway website

#### Ernest Terah Hooley (1859-1947)

Born in Nottinghamshire in 1859, young Hooley worked with his father in his lace-making business. Before his 30th birthday, Hooley had purchased Risley Hall in nearby Derbyshire and set about establishing himself as a stockbroker in Nottingham.

At the close of the 19th century Ernest Terah Hooley appeared to have it all: influence, fame, property and lots of money. Lots and lots of money. Hooley had a knack of buying a company and reselling it back to the public for more than it was worth. But the deceit would catch up with him eventually.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am especially interested in Hooley since he popped up in my other county of interest, Lincolnshire, trying to buy the estate of Sudbrooke. It all ended in tears and bankruptcy of course. Here is a picture of our man trying to look respectable!



The South Wales Record Society will be officially launching Richard Gaunt's book, '*This Princely Habitation: the Hafod Estate under the 4th Duke of Newcastle, 1832-1846* at the **Round Studio, Aberystwyth Arts Centre at 2pm on Saturday 6 June.**

Richard will be talking about the book, which was advertised to Thoroton Society members through his Neville Hoskins Centenary Lecture in December 2025, and copies will be available to buy. Thoroton Society members are warmly invited to this event, at which refreshments will be provided.

The book will be available to [order online](#) after the launch.

**On Friday, 12th June** there is another chance to visit the Manuscripts and Special Collections at the Kingsmeadow Campus of Nottingham University. This time the workshop will show records of seafaring stories in rare books, journals, log books and correspondence. 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. Who would have thought that Nottingham in the East Midlands would have such links?

Please email [ruthstrong4@gmail.com](mailto:ruthstrong4@gmail.com) to book a place.

**Please reserve your place by Friday 5th June 2026**

Later in the month, on **25th June**, we have the chance for a **guided walk around the Arboretum** with Kevin Powell. The booking form has all the details with directions and choices for the afternoon:

- [Download Arboretum Guided Tour Booking Form](#)

*Ruth Strong, Events and Excursions Lead*

#### **GEOFFREY BOND AND THOROTON SOCIETY RESEARCH AWARDS**

**The eligibility criteria for the Geoffrey Bond and Thoroton Society Research Awards have now been extended to include museums, libraries, archives and other heritage organisations, as well as individuals and community groups. Awards can be used to**

support research into any topic relating to the history or archaeology of Nottinghamshire, including the acquisition of research resources, travel expenses, training, and archaeological investigations. The conditions of the award and details of the application process can be found on the Thoroton Society website where there is also a list of previous successful awards.

<http://www.thorotonsociety.org.uk/bond-awards.htm>.

Enquiries or completed applications should be sent to me at [markdorrington52@gmail.com](mailto:markdorrington52@gmail.com).

The deadline for applications this year is 1 September 2026

Mark Dorrington, Research Awards Administrator

### 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

### 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.

For further details on each of the speakers and their topics please visit [www.wollatonhistorical.com](http://www.wollatonhistorical.com)

### Woodborough

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#### The Institute, Roe Lane, Woodborough NG14 6BW

Date	Speaker	Title
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](mailto:newsletter@nlha.org.uk).

**David Speed** ([speeddavid06@gmail.com](mailto:speeddavid06@gmail.com)): Offers six illustrated Powerpoint history talks: Beauvale Priory where two worlds meet; The Kings and Sherwood Forest; Robin Hood and His Times; The Pentrich Revolt; Henry Sampson, Betrayal in Bulwell; Tangled Web: Nottingham Children's Nineteenth Century Education; '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](mailto:mocooper@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel 07950 472022.

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- The Clergyman, the Widow and the Milkman - an exploration of Nottingham's Edwardian landlords Talk
- Edwardian housing Narrowmarsh
- Gedling House – Georgian mansion to Buddhist Centre Talk (or tour from 2023)
- The good, the bad and the reality, A gallop through the women who have contributed to Nottingham's' history
- Nottingham, women's history
- Hearing Deaf Voices - the History of the Deaf Community in Nottingham
- Women's Suffrage in Nottingham, The long, long road to equality Talk Suffrage Nottingham Suffragette
- What did you do in the war mum? An exploration of how the women of
- Nottingham supported the war effort.
- WW2, women's history, Nottingham
- Walks (and talks)
- Beer, bleaching and burials in Basford
- Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers – lace workers, grand ladies and the women that were transported for their 'crimes'.

**Robert Mee** can present a number of illustrated talks for your group. Presentations currently available include:

- Inn Signs and Local History: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names - what they can tell the local historian
- Nottinghamshire Castles: 11 definite castle sites, and a few more besides!
- Nottingham Classified: a look at 18th and 19th century advertisements in the local newspapers. (from May 2023)
- "September 1947" – a single month in history, as seen through the pages of local newspapers
- "Almshouses: past, present and local" – a history of the almshouse as an institution, with examples in and around Nottinghamshire
- "The Village Lockup" – a study of these fascinating but little known structures and their history, including some in Notts
- "Bradshaw's and an Early Railway Tour" – the famous railway timetable, and a mystery tour
- "History along the Erewash Valley Trail" – a 30 mile cycle route on both sides of the Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire border

All presentations are fully illustrated. They normally last from 50 to 90 minutes, but can be adjusted to suit your needs. Robert is often available at short-notice, if, for example, a speaker cancels. Fees are £60, plus expenses if over 40 miles (return from West Hallam) involved. Contact: email - RobertMMee@btinternet.com; telephone - 0115 9327495/07757 134353

**Tom Andrews:** tom\_andrews@hotmail.co.uk

- Modern policing of Nottingham, primarily the policing of Nottingham between 1930 – 1959 and Chief Constable Capt. Athelstan Popkess who invented police radios and mobile police vehicle patrols among other things, and Victorian policing of Nottinghamshire.

**STAA** at St Ann's Heritage Gardens provide speakers on this Grade 2\* listed site. Talks delivered by Mo Cooper.

- St Ann's Allotments, Nottingham's unique heritage gardens
- Stories from the Hungerhills

**ADRIAN GRAY** can be contacted at [adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk](mailto:adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk) or 07470 366689. Adrian is a graduate historian and author of many books. His talks are all fully illustrated and include:

***Why did they all come from here?*** Why the Mayflower Pilgrims and the linked group who formed the first Baptists originated in the region of North Notts and West Lincs.

***Religious Liberty: A Gift to the World from Notts and Lincs:*** ideas about religious liberty now enshrined in the UN declaration of Human Rights can be traced back through the US 'First Amendment' to the thinking and writing of men who came from Nottinghamshire.

***Thomas Helwys: The Price of Freedom:*** Helwys, a Nottingham man, financed the move of the 'Pilgrims' to Holland and there became a Baptist. He risked his own life by returning to England and founding the Baptist denomination, where he wrote the first text in English that argued for religious liberty for all faiths – for which he was imprisoned.

***The Top Ten Scandals of Sherwood Forest:*** this is an unconventional approach to telling the story of Sherwood and the Dukeries. Rather than following it chronologically, we examine the tale through ten scandals – money, sex and political – that define what happened to Sherwood and the great houses that were built there.

***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](mailto:ro.edlin-white@ntlworld.com) for more details.

**Four Forgotten Nottingham Authors:** Muriel Hine, Cecil Roberts, John Collis Snaith & Dorothy Whipple were all best-sellers in their day. **Note:** other combinations of writers available from my book, *Exploring Nottinghamshire Writers* (Five Leaves).

**The Sherwood Forest Group:** Early 19<sup>th</sup> century radical ruralists, Robert Millhouse, Spencer T. Hall, Lucy Joynes, Joanna Williams and the rest – a fascinating bunch.

**William and Mary Howitt, a Literary Marriage:** Quaker couple among the most celebrated writers of their age; radical in their politics, they wrote more than 160 books between them.

**No Surrender! Women's Suffrage in Nottinghamshire:** Our very own suffragists and suffragettes; stirring stories of intrepid women – and some men!

**Grace's Diary: the Journal of Grace Jane Dexter 1884-93:** the life and aspirations of a young teacher, befriended by Florence Nightingale. Late Victorian Nottingham & Derbyshire, in her own words.

**Spinster of No Occupation? Mary Ellen Shaw 1859-1926:** the life of an energetic woman who worked to improve social conditions in Nottingham at the end of the Victorian era.

**Dr Stephen Walker** - Contact : 07752-666-075 [stephenj\\_walker@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenj_walker@btinternet.com)

Any money I raise from this activity is regarded as a donation to support the work of the 'Friends of Moor Pond Woods'. [<http://moorpond.papplewick.org>]

**'A thread in the web of time: the archaeology of the 18th century cotton mills at Papplewick'** Over the last 20 years archaeological exploration has provided evidence about how the cotton mills in the Leen Valley were supplied with water, and how the system was modified to account for changing circumstances. The talk reports and discusses the progress of the work.

**'A London Boy at Mr Robinson's mill'** The story of the child workers who were brought from workhouses to work in these early factories.

**'Spinning yarns: the history and operation of the cotton mills at Papplewick'** A talk focussing on the history and operation of the spinning mills in the period 1778 – 1828. This was the first site in the World to use a steam engine to provide rotary motion in a textile factory.

**'From bluebells to blue-tits: the natural habitats of Moor Pond Woods'** A review of the varied habitats of this Nottinghamshire local nature reserve and discussion about how it is managed and maintained.

**'From Marylebone to Massachusetts: the life and times of Henry Leonard'** Recounting the story of a Nottinghamshire textile worker from his recruitment in the 1790s, through his employment to his eventual emigration in the 1850s.

**'Bulwell, 1750-1880: Industrialisation and urbanisation in the Leen valley'** Exploring the evidence for the development of a Nottingham suburb.

**'Moving On: Investigating the migration of mill workers to Darley Abbey'** Darley Abbey was a planned industrial hamlet built on a green-field site at the end of the 18th century. This talk looks at the evidence from censuses and parish registers to explore the migration of early factory workers.

**'The history and heritage of Gedling Borough'** Gedling Borough is one of the administrative districts of Nottinghamshire. This talk explores the history and development of the various places that make up the district.

**Bob Massey:**

BOB MASSEY provides talks at various venues including in pubs.

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**Maggy Watkins** can be contacted at [talksandtours@gmail.com](mailto:talksandtours@gmail.com) or by mobile: 07950167821. Her talks are fully illustrated and include:

\* The Mayflower Pilgrims

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

**Keith Small** can be contacted at telephone 01636 679261 or email: [keiparkinson75@btinternet.com](mailto:keiparkinson75@btinternet.com)

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

**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](mailto:gwoodward@clara.co.uk)

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

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

I also do walks:

- The Lace Market

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

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

### **Lucy Brouwer**

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Lucy offers talks on the architecture of Nottingham

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

Lucy is a tour guide and art history researcher who began leading walking tours focused on architecture in 2018. The popular Watson Fothergill Walk (<https://watsonfothergillwalk.com>) looks at the architect's buildings from the late Victorian period in Nottingham. This was followed by tours looking at Fothergill's domestic architecture, the city centre buildings of Thomas Chambers Hine and illustrated talks on the lives and works of other architects.

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

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

### **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 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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