



NEWSLETTER

August 2026



Pleasley Vale

Pleasley no.1 mill was created on a site that had previously been used for iron by a partnership including the famous name of Hollins in about 1784, using water from the R Meden. A complex system was created to ensure a consistent supply of water with a large millpond upstream from the mill, but this was all dropped in favour of steam power in 1803. In 1840 the mill was burnt down, causing the loss of 300 jobs, but was then rebuilt and the site became especially well known for the invention of 'Viyella'.

It is good to see conservation work being undertaken on the millpond – and actually highly entertaining to watch work being done in somewhat trying conditions!

However, your editor must admit that only the far end of mill no.1 is actually in Nottinghamshire for here the river forms the boundary with Derbyshire as you can see on the map. But do not despair – William Hollins & Co was very much a Nottinghamshire business with its headquarters in Castle Boulevard, Nottingham. Some of the family made their home at Berry Hill Hall near Mansfield, and their son William was in the Sherwood Foresters when he was killed in 1917, age 19. Some of the family also lived at Vale House, which overlooks the mill.



The sequence of mills in this valley makes for a fascinating walk and the site also includes the old school building, provided by Hollins & Co – which old maps show as sitting on the county boundary! But again nil desperandum – another branch of the firm built a church for Pleasley Vale but following a dispute about styles of service had it moved from the Derbyshire side to be very clearly on the Nottinghamshire side. You could do things like that in those days....

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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Nottingham writer Rose Fyleman, 1877-1957

Nottingham Women's History Group has launched a Crowdfunder appeal to raise a plaque to Nottingham writer Rose Fyleman, 1877-1957 writer, singer and teacher. Find out more about her below and help us to achieve our target of £750 by donating using this link: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/plaque-attack-2

Rose Fyleman - 1877-1957 – author, poet, teacher, singer, translator

Rose Amy Feilmann, was born on 6 March 1877 in Nottingham to German Jewish immigrant parents, the third of 5 children. Her mother Emilee Loewenstein was of Russian descent and her father John Joseph Moritz Feilmann was a partner in Flersheim, Feilmann & Co in St Mary's Gate in the Lace Market – company dissolved 31st December 1884 by mutual consent with Hermann Edward Flersheim. She was possibly born at Waterloo Crescent but by 1888 the family were living at 7 Cavendish Crescent in the Park. She attended Western House Ladies' School at 30 The Ropewalk, run by Miss Louisa Clark, unsurprisingly excelling in German in the local Cambridge examinations.

Rose attended University College Nottingham but didn't complete her course. Instead, she trained as an opera singer in Paris, Berlin and London. She gained a diploma from London's Royal College of Music and, although she didn't succeed at opera, she found some work as a singer (contralto), making her debut in a Promenade Concert at Queen's Hall in London in August 1903 billed as Fraulein Rose Feilmann of Berlin!

Around this time her father died and in 1912 the family moved to 10 Pelham Terrace (now 29 Newcastle Drive) a house designed in the 1850's by T C Hine. Her sister Gertrude ran a private

school from the house and Rose taught music, though she still appeared on stage. When WW1 began many German people who were British subjects felt insecure and changed their names, so Feilmann became Fyleman.

Later, according to the Poetry Foundation website, unable to find appropriate poetry for her classes she began to write her own. Eventually, encouraged by a colleague, in 1917 she submitted her famous fairy poem '*Fairies at the Bottom of Our Garden*' to *Punch* where it was published anonymously. Now in her 40s, in 1918 she published her first book *The Sunny Book*, and then produced two more volumes: *Fairies and Chimneys* 1918 and *The Fairy Green* 1919. *Fairies and Chimneys* was reprinted 20 times over the next decade, and she also produced *The Fairy Flute* 1921 and *Fairies and Friends* 1925. She also wrote short stories and plays for children in volumes such as *Eight Little Plays for Children* 1924 and *Nine New Plays for Children* 1934. (Her paternal aunt Johanna had also been an "authoress")

In 1923 she founded a children's magazine *The Merry Go Round*, and in 1927 she published '*A Princess comes to our town*' a fantasy set in Nottingham which recognisably describes the town in 1920's. In this fairy tale for grown-ups Princess Finestra leaves Fairyland to put off the evil day when she must marry a boring old prince. She comes to live among real people and lands at Standard Hill in Nottingham – very close to 2 Castle Place where Rose was then living.

Princess Finestra is a feisty young woman with a bag full of magic objects which can only be used once before she must return home. She has various adventures in the Arboretum, swimming baths and the Castle – she also has a night time adventure with Queen Victoria and a fire engine! In the book, these events are depicted in delightful drawings by Gertrude Lindsay and many of the landmarks can still be seen today – even if they've moved from their 1920's location. Queen Victoria, for example, is now in the Memorial Gardens on the riverbank.

In the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, Donald R Hettingha points out that Rose's fairy worlds were not like the dark, evil and dangerous worlds of Germanic and Celtic fairy stories. Indeed, he goes on to say that the fairies seem to exist to delight children who are the only ones who can see them. Rowena Edlin-White, however, contests this and says that, on closer inspection, there is a dark side to some of Fyleman's work, more Angela Carter than Fairyland – which I love!

But she also wrote conventional stories for children. In *the Adventure Club*, she writes about a group of children on holiday in rural England who have lively adventures – but there is always a "safety net of local people" who can wade in to help if needed.

While she continued to write poetry and fiction about fairies in the 1930s and 40s, she also wrote *Billy Monkey: a true tale of a Capuchin*, about a pet monkey and his owner, and *Adventures of Benghazi* about a cat that can talk, shape shift and travel through time.

She wrote more than sixty volumes of poetry, fiction and plays, and even wrote the libretto for an opera *Happy Families*, composed by Thomas Frederick Dunhill and premiered in 1933. She never married and died in St Albans on 1 August 1957 at the age of 80, and is buried in Golders Green cemetery.

Her books declined in popularity in the 1960s, possibly because the public no longer wanted or needed the whimsical distraction of fairies to help them forget the horrors of WW1, and times had moved on apace. However, in 1986, Fyleman posthumously received praise for *A Fairy Went A-Marketing*, which reprints one of her fairy poems from 1918 with illustrations by Jamichael Henterly.

And recently, in May 2023, Five Leaves republished A Bromley House Edition of *A Princess comes to our Town* with an introduction by Rowena Edlin-White, who was instrumental in getting the book republished and whose research has enabled this biography of Rose Fyleman.

Please help us to achieve our goal of raising a plaque to Rose Fyleman by donating using this link: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/plaque-attack-2

Events

ALL WELCOME

**PILGRIMS &
PROPHETS**
CHRISTIAN HERITAGE TOURS

HISTORY WALK & TALK
ASLOCKTON
12th Sept 2026

We are delighted to offer this fabulous brand new tour!



We will visit the historic villages of **ASLOCKTON** and **WHATTON**, famous as the birthplace of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and martyr. We will explore the two villages and their very different churches including the 'Cranmer chapel', and also see the famous 'Belvoir angel' gravestones at Whatton. These are wonderful! All this and stories about the river, the railway and even a historical road accident or two....and some very odd street names.

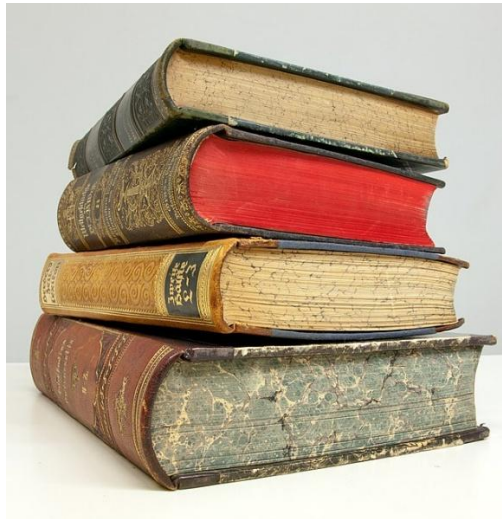
- [Save the date, Saturday 12th September](#)
- Duration approx. 2.5hrs – 3hrs
- Walking distance approx. 2-3 miles, some short sections of field path
- Cost £9 per head which includes a contribution to the churches
- Coffee/tea and cake available for donations when we start at Aslockton

Reserve by email to (mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk), or by text/call to **Lynn** on , 07815040819. We are expecting this brand new tour to be very popular. Once confirmed you can pay online. (*Unfortunately 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.



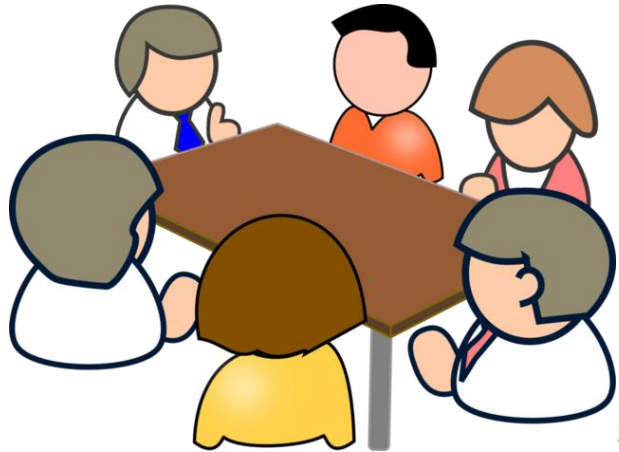
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BOOK STUFF!

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?

My name is Ellinor and I work at the National Justice Museum on High Pavement, which is the former County Gaol and Crown Court. Opposite us is the Listed Building known as The Judge's House or the County House. It's a source of interest for staff and visitors, and I'd love to know a bit more about it, especially what it might have looked like when the visiting judges were staying there.

I've looked up the listing details, and done some very basic research online, but I think I've probably exhausted what I can find on Google so I am hoping to continue by more traditional methods, such as visiting the library and local record offices. However, since Nottingham has an active and extensive community interested in the history and heritage, I thought I would also reach out to you to see if you have any material I might be able to look at, or if your members have already done research into the property.

ellinor.orton@nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk

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!

³ Wikimedia Commons public dedication

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. 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

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 or 01949 850298

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

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

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
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)

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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St. Michael's Church Centre, Church St., Bramcote NG9 3HD
Visitors always welcome, with a suggested donation of £3.00.
Refreshments available.
See our website for further events, walks etc.
www.bramcotehistory.org.uk

BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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

Chair: Steve Wright

Teresa 07855 082416. Email: secretary@bjblhs.uk

Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840.

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

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

East Leake & District Local History Society

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

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East Leake & District Local History Society - Programme for 2026/2027			
Date	Title	Speaker	
2026			
Sept 16th.	Almshouses - Past, Present and Local.	Robert Mee.	
Oct 21st .	First Bite - The first stage performance of Bram Stoker's Dracula.	Dr. Ann Featherstone.	
Nov 18th.	The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie.	Mark Temple.	
Dec 9th.	Educating East Leake. A brief history of schooling in East Leake.	Jacki Allan.	
2027			
Jan 20th.	The Mary Rose.	Kathy Powis.	
Feb 17th.	The Reformation in the East Midlands.	Daniel Pate.	
March 17th.	Robin Puddings - Traditional puddings of Nottinghamshire.	Mark Dawson.	
April 21st.	Cook's Tours. The achievements of Thomas Cook.	Danny Wells.	
May 19th.	St. Mary's Church. Our own history on our doorstep. Preceded by the AGM.	Jacki Allan.	

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 2026/27
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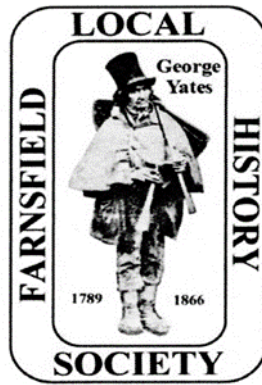
September 16th Commonwealth War Graves Commission Archives Andrew Jenkins
October 21st History & Heritage of Wellow Village Denis Hill
November 18th Water Meadows (Flood Dykes) Philip Goodall/Robert Bealby
December 16th No meeting
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January 20th No meeting. Annual lunch.
February 17th Strange Tales of Nottinghamshire Clergy Adrian Gray
March 17th The Village Lockup Robert Mee
April 21st The People's War in Nottinghamshire. Chris Weir
(Home Front WW2)
(Please submit items for AGM)
May 19th AGM
June 16th Life before closure of the Monasteries (In House) Wright & Lane

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
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

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

KEYWORDH

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

Guests Welcome - £2 on the door

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

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 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

***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.***

- 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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Contact: maureenhandley45@gmail.com

Newark: National Civil War Centre

NOTTINGHAM

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

Speakers for 2026

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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 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:

All on Thursdays at 7:30pm

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

www.niha.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S HISTORY

For more information and updates:

www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk

email: nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com

Nottingham: other events

Watson Fothergill Walks

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

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

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Labour History Society

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

Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

REGULAR VENUE:
Beeston Suite,
Highfields Fire Station,
Hassocks Lane, Beeston,
Nottingham. NG9 2GQ

GENERAL MEETINGS:
Monthly: September to April
& AGM in July,
Start time: 6.45pm.
(Auction viewing from 6.00pm)

Contact: marktray60@gmail.com

PROGRAMME for 2025 - 2026 Season:

Monday 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

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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September 9 Troy Jenkinson on 'The Journey of Education in Radcliffe on Trent'

October 14 Roger Tanner on 'Nottingham and the General Strike'

November 11 Sian Trafford on 'Nottingham women in World War Two'

December 9 Dave Mooney on 'The history of busking and street performance'

2027

January 13 Charlotte May on 'Nottingham: city of caves'

February 10 Abigail Cobley on 'Nottinghamshire executions'

March 10 Eric Butler on 'The pioneers of photography in Nottingham'

April 14 Jeremy Lodge on 'Lowdham Grange Borstal'

May 12 Adrian Gray on 'Strange tales of the Nottinghamshire clergy'

June 9 Laura Parker on 'Shelford Road excavations'

All talks are held on a Wednesday evening in the main hall of Grange Hall, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent, starting at 7-30pm, with the doors opening at 7-00.

All welcome. Entry £3 per person on the door, either by cash or card

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/>

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

Secretary - Polly Wainwright

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Additional committee member (no longer Jill Proctor) Liz McKendrick

Annual Membership - £15

Visitors per meeting - £3

Programme for Autumn/Winter 2026 :

Mon Sept 14th - St Mary Magdelene Church, Newark - History & Renovations

Mon 12th Oct - Bomber Command. WW11. Hero Women of Aviation and The International Bomber Command Centre.

Mon 11th Nov - Concealed Objects and Written Charms: Protection in the Medieval Period.

Mon 14th Dec - The History of the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie (Inc samples).

Thoroton Society news

Excursion: Newstead Abbey (12th August 2026)

The Thoroton Society last visited Newstead Abbey when lockdown restrictions were newly lifted and there were still concerns about gathering in groups. A small but select group joined Pete Jones and Philip Green for a visit to the home of Lord Byron. This year a repeat visit is planned to take in some of the changes and renovations since 2021 and for something different it is a Self Drive and/or car share excursion. Download the [Booking Form](#) and [Newstead Abbey Site Map](#)

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

Monday, 5/10/26, Steve LeMottee Nottm CCC's Head Archivist, will give a talk entitled "Trent Bridge - everything but Cricket!"

Monday, 2/11/26, we have been invited to "Destination 105" 105 Trent Boulevard, to hear Nigel Lowey's impressive account of St Pancras Station. Doors open at 7pm.

Monday, 7/12/26, Quiz Night!! What do you know about West Bridgford's history? Lots of fun and a few spot prizes!

Contact: mbarrett1@talktalk.net

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

Woodborough

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Date	Speaker	Title
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.

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

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

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.

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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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