



NEWSLETTER

October 2026



A BUS IN THE WINDOW

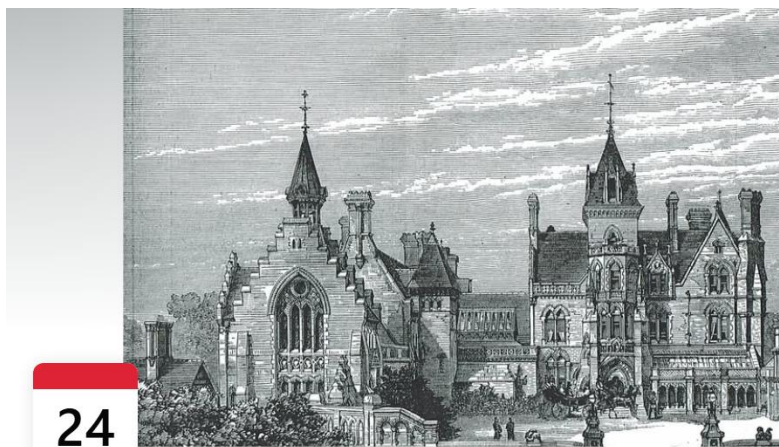
How many Nottinghamshire churches have a stained-glass window that includes a bus? Well, the answer must be at least one, since here we have a bus or maybe a coach in a window at West Leake.

This is in memory of Henry Barton, who lived at West Leake Hall but was also chairman of Barton Transport as well as Sandiccliffe Garages until Barton was sold in 1989. Barton was also an enthusiastic farmer and very active in farming circles. Henry was very active and sometimes combined all his interests; in 1950 he drove a coach of Young Conservatives to Switzerland and back, then immediately drove a group of young farmers to Denmark and back via France.

ADRIAN GRAY, EDITOR

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

Events



Saturday 24 October 2026 at 09:30

NOTTS LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

Ravenshead Village Hall

A STAR-STUDED CAST!

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Welcome

10.15am Dave Mooney: Nottingham's Drury Hill caves.

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11.30am James Wright: The Buildings Archaeologist.

12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls

1.30pm Mark Dawson: 'Robin Pudds', Notts desserts.

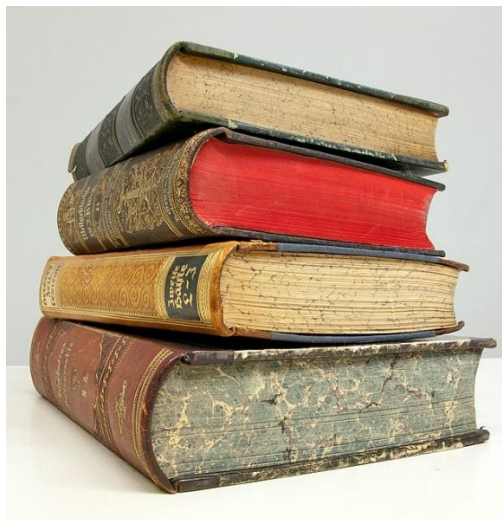
2.45pm David Barton: William Cavendish of Welbeck and Bolsover - the first Duke of Newcastle.

4.00pm Close

TICKETS FROM EVENTBRITE – GO TO EVENTBRITE AND SEARCH FOR NOTTS LOCAL HISTORY ASSOC. £9 for members, £10 for non-members

[Nottinghamshire Local History Association Autumn Forum Tickets, Saturday, October 24 • 10 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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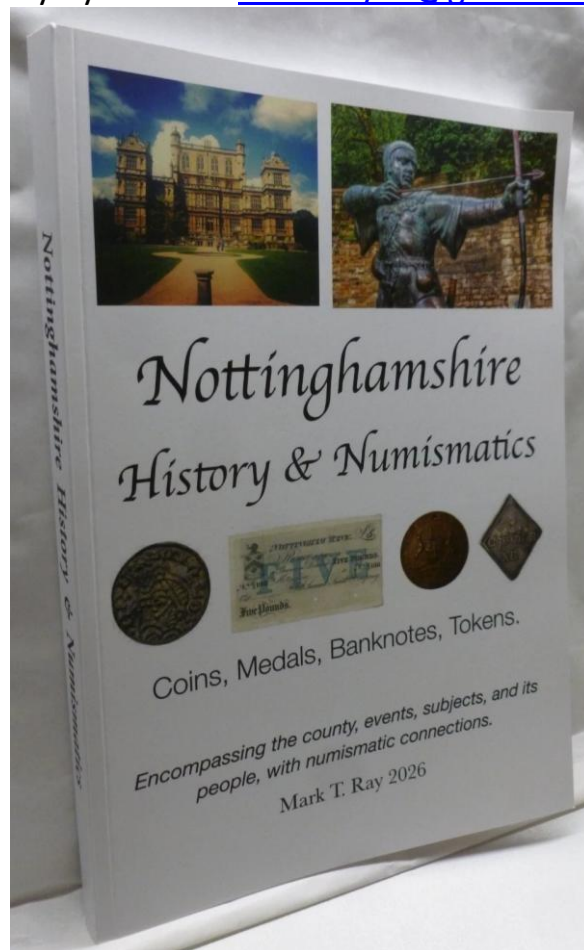
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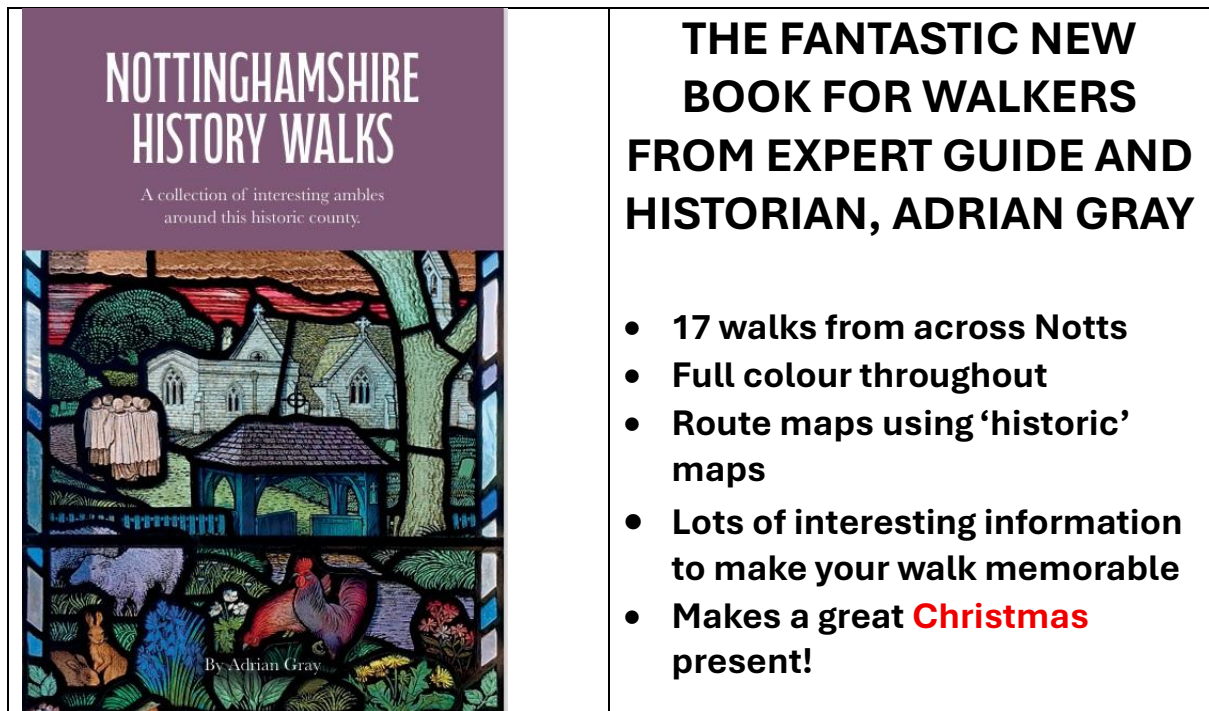
BOOK STUFF!

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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“Nottinghamshire History & Numismatics” is a new 300 page A4 publication from the Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire’s Mark Ray, encompassing all aspects of the county and personalities with numismatic connections. Carefully researched and with background information, this well illustrated book covers topics as diverse as the Fishpool hoard of gold coins, Newark siege pieces, tokens, provincial banknotes, and a complete listing of local medallions. Even Robin Hood gets a mention! Price £32.50 online (eBay number 206137134904) or UK post free directly by email to marktray60@gmail.com.





THE FANTASTIC NEW BOOK FOR WALKERS FROM EXPERT GUIDE AND HISTORIAN, ADRIAN GRAY

- 17 walks from across Notts
- Full colour throughout
- Route maps using 'historic' maps
- Lots of interesting information to make your walk memorable
- Makes a great **Christmas** present!

Nottinghamshire is a brilliant county for walking – yet still quite undiscovered to many. Its delights include many classic village scenes, patchworks of woodland and field in the south especially, grand houses, old canals, Sherwood Forest and historic industrial sites.

Adrian Gray's book makes a personal selection of some of the best walks for exploring the Nottinghamshire historic landscape including some rarely visited but distinctive locations. Every walk is accompanied by an historic map and a detailed commentary, enlivening every step of your way through the county, making this a unique companion or those who enjoy the outdoors (or indoors!) but want to understand where they are.



Order from Trent Witham Books online store or your local bookshop.

[Nottinghamshire History Walks – Trent Witham Books](#)

Boydell & Brewer Announces New Publishing Partnership with The Thoroton Society

The Thoroton Society has partnered with Boydell & Brewer to support and expand its publications programme. Through this collaboration, Boydell & Brewer publishes and distributes the Society's publications, providing expertise across production, global sales, marketing, and distribution, including e-book publishing and print-on-demand to ensure long-term availability.

The partnership enables the Society to extend the reach of its work to new audiences, particularly within international academic libraries, making sure their publications are reaching scholars and enthusiasts across the globe. The partnership reflects Boydell & Brewer's long-standing commitment to working with learned societies, research institutions, and specialist publishers to deliver high-quality humanities scholarship to wider audiences.

Megan Taylor, Partnerships Manager at Boydell & Brewer, said "We are excited to be working with The Thoroton Society, an organisation with an impressive history of publishing and supporting research into regional and local history. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to widening access to high-quality scholarship, and we are pleased to be able to support the Society in bringing its publications to new audiences worldwide while ensuring their long-term visibility and sustainability." Richard Gaunt, Chair of the Council of The Thoroton Society said, "We are delighted to be partnering with Boydell & Brewer on the future publication and dissemination of the Thoroton Society's work. This collaboration brings together our long-standing commitment to Nottinghamshire's history with Boydell & Brewer's expertise in scholarly publishing, enabling us to reach wider audiences while maintaining the quality and integrity of our publications."

THE STORY OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT FREEDOM



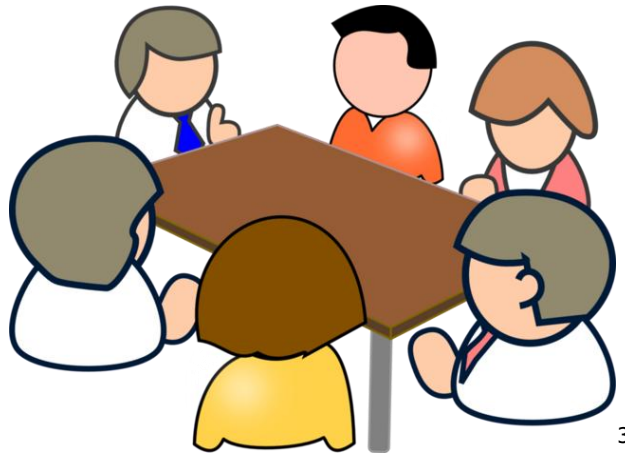
Nottinghamshire historian Adrian Gray has been interested for many years in the contribution of early Baptist pioneers from the area like John Smyth, Thomas Helwys and John Murton to British thinking about religious liberty.

His wider work at a national level in education has shown him that the challenging issues around freedom of belief are rarely discussed in schools because teachers lack the confidence. On top of this, in recent years a series of cases has shown that there is confusion about what spoken words or social media comments about religion may get you arrested, cause you to lose your job, or end up with public humiliation. Many recent cases have shown that the police themselves are muddled and also make mistakes.

To tackle this, **FREEDOM OF BELIEF IN BRITAIN** has been written to provide an absorbing summary of how thinking about freedom and the law itself have developed over centuries. It is a story of terrible repression and often painful martyrdom but also sometimes heroic struggle to build a better future for us to enjoy today. We meet martyrs at the stake, Quakers in the stocks, even Salvation Army musicians in prison, but we also meet atheists and ‘freethinkers’ who fought for the right to deny any religious belief. The book tells you how we in Britain won the right to freedom of belief and expression but also how fragile this may be, challenging us to reflect on the lessons of the past and what they say to the present.

It is a cause that ought to unite people of all beliefs or none, as shown by the way in which the greatest preacher of the Nineteenth Century – Charles Spurgeon – defended the leading ‘freethinker’ Charles Bradlaugh over his right to sit in Parliament. Also notable was the campaign of Notts Baptist leader John Clifford over education and taxes

Available for £12 from good bookshops or direct from Trent Witham Books at: [Freedom of Belief in Britain – Trent Witham Books](#)



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ANY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

Received by the editor:

We're two history enthusiasts building an app to get more people visiting historical sites, and we're looking for people who know the subject properly to test it and help shape it at this early stage.

It's called Days of Yore. It maps historic sites across Britain, from the national icons down to local history, and connects them to the eras, people and events they belong to. The idea is that someone is far more likely to go and look at a parish church or an old mill if they can see how it connects to something they already care about, rather than happening on it by chance.

We've written to you because I see The Nottinghamshire Historian goes out to members, and the people it would most help us to hear from are exactly the sort who join a society like yours.

Would you be willing to mention it to your members, or pass it on to anyone who might be interested in trying it? Happy to write a short piece for the newsletter if that would be easier than you doing it.

It's completely free and there's no catch. All we're after is honest feedback, and your members would spot things we never will.

Thanks,

Alex and Emily
Creators of Days of Yore

³ Wikimedia Commons public dedication

alex.j.hutley@gmail.com

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. 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](#)



in Arnold 7pm starting at the library **Autumn 2026**

Autumn is with us so here are the next set of talks for the season

.I am doing 3, one day courses at **the mechanics Nottingham** each from 10.30 to 3.30pm

- 1: The Mary Celeste, not just the mystery, on the 23rd Sept
- 2: Dick Turpin, the real man not the legend, on the 30th sept
- 3: Jack Sheppard, prison escape artist 14th Oct

4: Dick Whittington ,the real story 21st oct

Halloween talks in the pub (All different Talks)

25th oct Bread and Bitter Mapperley 8pm

26th oct Robin Hood and Little John Arnold 7pm

29th oct Waggon and Horses Redhill 7pm

Bonfire night talk in the pub

2nd nov Guy Fawkes and bonfire night 7pm Robin Hood and Little John

Halloween walk

30th oct Halloween walk

Arnold Local History Group

Contact: 0115 9200626, email address: alhgroupo@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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

Chair: Steve Wright

Teresa 07855 082416. Email: secretary@bjblhs.uk

Meetings Secretary: Christine Shepherd 0115 9618840.

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.

2026

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



EDWINSTOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk
enquiries: EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com

Venue: D H Lawrence Room, Edwinstowe House, High Street, Edwinstowe, Notts. NG21 9PR
Meetings held on 3rd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Visitors welcome at a charge of £4
Programme for 2026/27

2026.

July 15 th	No meeting.	
August 19 th	No meeting	
September 16 th	Commonwealth War Graves Commission Archives	<i>Andrew Jenkins</i>
October 21 st	History & Heritage of Wellow Village	<i>Denis Hill</i>
November 18 th	Water Meadows (Flood Dykes)	<i>Philip Goodall/Robert Bealby</i>
December 16 th	No meeting	

2027.

January 20 th	No meeting. Annual lunch.	
February 17 th	Strange Tales of Nottinghamshire Clergy	<i>Adrian Gray</i>
March 17 th	The Village Lockup	<i>Robert Mee</i>
April 21 st	The People's War in Nottinghamshire. (Home Front WW2) (Please submit items for AGM)	<i>Chris Weir</i>
May 19 th	AGM	
June 16 th	Life before closure of the Monasteries	<i>(In House) Wright&Lane</i>

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

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
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

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

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

Contact: jayne@oldcobblers.co.uk

KEYWORTH

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

Guests Welcome - £2 on the door

There is no meetings in August – Summer break.

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:

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.**

- Oct 26 **Chris Weir – Lace, Slums & the Occasional Riot! The Making of Old Nottingham**
This talk explores the character of Victorian Nottingham, highlighting hosiery and lace, the delights of Goose Fair, the impact of T.C. Hine and other notable architects and the struggles of the labouring classes.
- Nov 23 **Keith Small – The History of Tobacco and Its Effect on Nottinghamshire**
This talk follows the discovery of tobacco for Europe, with claims of its medicinal value, the rapid development of tobacco products as socially accepted habit and the effects of the two World Wars on the tobacco market. As a focus point, John Players family history in Nottingham working up to ITL's Horizon Factory becoming the only UK manufacturer of tobacco products, followed by the total loss of the industry to European manufacturers and the growth of substitute products.

Lowdham Local History Society

Meetings are normally at the WI Hall from 7.30pm.

2026

Contact: maureenhandley45@gmail.com

Newark: National Civil War Centre

NOTTINGHAM

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM MUSEUMS

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Speakers for 2026

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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 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>

**Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire
Labour History Society**
Co-sponsored by
The African and Caribbean Community Association
and Manifesto Press

Imperialism in Africa: How the Stuggle Continues



A talk by Roger McKenzie

Roger is the International Editor of the Morning Star and was previously an Assistant General Secretary of UNISON and a member of the TUC General Council. He is the author of "African Uhuru: The Fight for African Freedom in the rise of the Global South" and "The Rebirth of the African Phoenix: A View from Babylon"

Saturday October 17th 2026 at 2.00 pm
Doors open at 1.30 pm

**Chesterfield Library,
New Beetwell St. Chesterfield S40 1QN**

A voluntary collection will be taken to defray expenses
Non-members welcome

For more information, please contact rogermtanner@yahoo.co.uk
<http://www.nalabourhistory.org/>

Numismatic Society of Nottinghamshire

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

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

Contact: marktray60@gmail.com

**NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
of
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
2026 - 2027**



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

ONLINE MEETINGS:
Via 'TEAMS' meeting email links

GENERAL MEETINGS:
Monthly: Second Mondays,
September to April
& AGM in July,

Start time: 6.45pm

PROGRAMME for 2026 - 2027 Season:

Monday 12th October 2026

A coin, a medal, a token

Alan Judd

Monday 9th November 2026

Hocus Pocus - Numismatic Magic.

David Charles

Monday 14th December 2026

British Royalty Part I - Victoria to Date

Mark T. Ray

Monday 11th January 2027

Papers

by society members

Short

Monday 8th February 2027

Nottingham Castle

Dave Barton

Monday 8th March 2027

The PAS & Treasure in Notts & Derbys.

Meghan King

Monday 12th April 2027

Roman Coins

Professor Kevin Butcher

Designated "The Ernest Danson Memorial Lecture"

Monday 12th July 2027

Annual General Meeting

Follow us online at:

www.facebook.com/NumisSocNotts

NUTHALL AND DISTRICT

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

Visitors welcome £3 per meeting

6 October

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

3 November

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

1 December

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

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

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

hsnuthall@gmail.com

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2022/2023

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

2026

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/>

14 OCTOBER Derek Taylor, The Last Projectionist
11 NOVEMBER Celia Lord, In an English Country Garden
9 DECEMBER Bob Massey, How Christmas Traditions Came About
13 JANUARY 2027 Benedict Jephcote, Hayton Castle and the de Hayton Family
10 FEBRUARY Sharon Bennett Connolly, Women of the Anarchy
10 MARCH Milan Petrovic, R.A.F. Ossington
14 APRIL Horace Liberty, Libertys: Family, Firm and Fashion
12 MAY Chris Hewis, Torksey on the Trent (AGM)

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

Southwell

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

Programme 2025/2026

SEPTEMBER **Wednesday 24th**

Michael Kirkby
The last Redcoats of Nottinghamshire

OCTOBER **Wednesday 22nd**

Adrian Gray
Historical highlights of Newark & Sherwood

NOVEMBER **Wednesday 26th**

Mike Newbold
My 'Extra Life' (TV life)

2026

JANUARY **Wednesday 28th**

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

FEBRUARY **Wednesday 25th**

Michael Hunting
Crimean War

MARCH **Wednesday 25th**

Chris Weir
Nottingham's Dark Side

APRIL **Wednesday 22nd**

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

MAY **Wednesday 27th**

Paul Mann
Prince John and the Siege of Nottingham
Castle 1194

JUNE **Wednesday 24th**

Bob Massey
Goose Fair by film

JULY **Wednesday 22nd**

Society visit
Exhibition Gallery at Lakeside Arts
– Nottingham University

Sutton on Trent History Society

We meet in the Methodist Community Centre, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Annual membership of the Society is £10.00 per annum and the fee for non-members is £2.00 per meeting.

Details here: [History Society - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council - Sutton-on-Trent Parish Website, Newark \(suttonontrent.org.uk\)](#)

Secretary - Polly Wainwright

Tel - 07880772309

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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 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



The next Thoroton Society excursion will be to the market town of Melton Mowbray. As usual, good walking footwear is recommended, not forgetting a shopping bag just in case. After being dropped off as near to the market as possible, there will be a guided walking tour though the market along a route which is reported to contain 1000 years of history, including Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe and the Corn Exchange.

A visit to St Mary's Church has been arranged which is free although donations would be welcome. St Mary's Church dates from the thirteenth century and restored in the 19th century by George Gilbert Scott. The bullet holes in the arms of Charles I which was used as target practice in the Civil War have been retained. The tour continues past the buildings associated with Anne of Cleves for lunch at the Harboro Hotel.

Excursions Survey 2026

Members will have had a **survey form** about excursions with the last newsletter. Please return it even if you have never been on an Excursion. I am interested in opinions. All results will be combined to give an overall picture and help with choosing the next series of places to visit. There is already a provisional list but it is open to change. Please return by post or scan and email to me, ruthstrong4@gmail.com by the date on the form.

Workshop at Manuscripts and Special Collections, University of Nottingham

Following the renovation of the reading rooms, a new date has been arranged. This will be on **Friday 25th September from 10.00 - 12.00**.

All Members welcome, even if no previous booking was made.

This workshop will cover Nottingham's links with navigation and seafaring.

Ruth Strong, Events and Excursions Lead

Nottinghamshire History Lecture, 10 October 2026: William Mellish Chambers (Hodsock Priory and Blyth) and his travels in Egypt, 1834-35

William Mellish Chambers (1812-1845) of Hodsock Priory in Nottinghamshire authored a remarkable travel journey from 1834 to 1835 which is now held by Manuscripts and Special Collections at the University of Nottingham. The journal records his travels from Greece to Istanbul and back through Europe.

This talk provides an overview of Chambers's time in Egypt from November 1834 to February 1835 which includes unpublished descriptions of Ancient Egyptian archaeological sites and details his journey down the Nile from Alexandria to Abu Simbel and back again to Cairo before departing for the East. His journal features unique descriptions of sites including Giza, Philae and Abu Simbel, from details of wall carvings and colossi to how to access them, from crawling through pyramids to manoeuvring through rubble.

Dr Charlotte May is an Impact and Outreach Officer at Manuscripts and Special Collections from the University of Nottingham. She specialises in unpublished manuscripts from the 18th and 19th centuries to tell new stories about people and places. Charlotte is also a Trustee for Notts County's heritage organisation, Notts Heritage 1862, and is a passionate advocate for evidencing Nottinghamshire's global impact.

Annual Lunch 2026

Our Annual Lunch for 2026 will be held at Welbeck Hall, West Bridgford, on **Saturday 31 October**. A booking form and details were circulated with the *Autumn Newsletter* with a closing date of 17 October. Unfortunately, the current economic climate is forcing increased costs onto all of us and we have had to raise the price to £35 for this year. We think that this still gives good value for the menu and the venue. If any members are still debating whether or not to attend, the menu choices on offer are:

- Braised beef in red wine, rosemary & garlic, Yorkshire pudding, roast and creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Coq au vin, Colcannon potatoes, roasted root vegetables
- Baked fillet of salmon, Boulangère potatoes, creamy leeks, fresh spinach, peas
- Mushroom & sweet potato Wellington, roast root vegetables, salsa verde (V/Ve)
- Apple, cinnamon & sultana crumble, custard
- Warm chocolate & black cherry brownie, vanilla ice cream
- Lemon cheesecake, Chantilly cream, fresh strawberries

Booking forms and menu choices should be returned to Dave Needham using the details shown in the form.

David Hoskins, Vice-Chair & Treasurer

The Revolution Mill, Retford

The following advertisement appeared in the March 1799 edition of the *Leeds Intelligencer* newspaper:

REVOLUTION MILL

**To be SOLD by AUCTION,
On the Premises, on the last Tuesday in March, 1799,
unless previously disposed off by private Contract.**

A Valuable ESTATE, lying in the Parish of Clarborough, near Retford, in the County of Nottingham, consisting of Ten Acres of Land, or thereabouts, together with that Large, Commodious, and Well-built SPINNING-MILL, known by the name of the REVOLUTION-MILL; together with Out-buildings of great Magnitude and Extent, containing every Conveniency properly appendant to a Spinning Mill, and on an ample Scale; such as Wool Room, Washing Houses, Drying Houses, Warehouses, and Accommodations for Children; also Nineteen Dwelling Houses, besides Stables and Workshops of every necessary Denomination.

Also, A Capital STEAM ENGINE, made by BURTON and WATT; together with Machinery of every necessary Sort, for Combing, Drawing, Roving, Spinning, and other Operations upon Wool, besides various Materials, Workmen's Tools, &c. &c.

The story behind this advert is an interesting one. The Revolution Mill was the first attempt to develop a textile industry in the north Nottinghamshire market town of Retford. Major John Cartwright (1740-1824), the man behind the ambitious scheme, was a prominent English radical and was the brother of Edmund Cartwright who invented the first power loom. After he left the navy John Cartwright devoted himself to furthering the cause of parliamentary reform. Among his proposals were universal suffrage, the secret ballot, annual elections and equal electoral districts.

Cartwright bought 10 acres of land on Spital Hill near the Chesterfield Canal in April 1788 with the intention of building a steam-powered wool spinning and weaving mill. We can only speculate as to what his motives were. It has been suggested that he was attempting to make money in order to address financial problems caused by inheriting his heavily mortgaged family estate at Marnham in the Trent valley. Another reason may well be his desire for a parliamentary seat which would be helped by setting himself up as a local employer and entrepreneur; in fact, he was invited to stand for one of Retford's parliamentary seats the following year and he referred to himself as "The Man of the Mill" in his campaign literature.

The mill was ceremonially opened on 5 November, 1788 in the centenary year of the 'Glorious Revolution' when William of Orange and his supporters deposed King James II. A commemorative dinner, at 2/6 per head, was held at the Crown Inn. However, the celebration was premature. It took over a year to get steam powered production underway and by 1790 the whole enterprise was in financial difficulty. It seems that Cartwright had not only underestimated the high cost of machinery but had also failed to appreciate how far Retford was from the coalfield which added substantially to the cost of transporting coal to power his machinery. Furthermore, the mill was designed for 600 employees but it proved difficult to recruit sufficiently skilled workers from the local population.

The mill was advertised for sale in the newspapers and sale particulars give a clear idea of the scale of the site. The upper floor of the mill itself included a "lofty extensive reeling floor" and "wool, throwing, stores and turning rooms"; the second floor contained a cotton warehouse and "capacious spinning rooms"; the first floor had another spinning

room “with shafts & going gears, drying room, store & machinery rooms”; the principal floor included drying and extensive combing rooms, a wash-house and two store rooms. There was also an engine house with a 32 horse-power steam engine built by Boulton and Watt, a dye house, blacksmiths’ shops, a children’s kitchen and dining room, a sorting room, two dormitories, wool store rooms, hand combing and drying-rooms, an agent’s house, 19 dwelling houses, a large kitchen garden, and a coach yard with stabling for seven horses.

The Boulton and Watt papers at Birmingham Archives contain a drawing of February 1787 that suggests that the mill was 37.5 m (123ft) long by 8.8m (29ft) wide and of four storeys.

However, the mill failed to sell despite the advertisement appearing on a weekly basis! It was not until August 1806 that the whole concern was auctioned off in separate lots at the White Hart Inn in Retford. The investors made a huge loss.

No trace of the mill has survived although there are two blocks of buildings on the north side of Spital Hill that may have been associated with it. Between these two buildings is Wellington Street which, until slum clearance took place in the 1950s, was lined with terraced houses that were probably built for the mill workers.





It is interesting to consider how Retford would have developed economically if the venture had been successful.

Andy Nicholson

EDITOR'S NOTE: there are several examples of early cotton mills scattered across Notts. Who wants to write a history of their rise and fall?

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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The Institute, Roe Lane, Woodborough NG14 6BW

Date	Speaker	Title
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.

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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