



Lambley Historical Society

Our 2016 Programme of talks and visits

22nd Feb Pete Smith – Nottingham Townhouses

Nottingham is not usually thought of today as an important eighteenth century metropolis, but before the Industrial Revolution it was considered by some visitors to be one of the finest towns in England. The talk will concentrate on the surprising number of elegant townhouses which survive from this period.

21st Mar Peter Hammond - A historical tour of Whitby

This talk takes us for a walk through this picturesque seaside town. We will climb the steps up to the historic church and abbey and explore Whitby's fascinating history, finishing with fish and chips at the famous Magpie cafe!

25th Apr Rowena Edlin-White - The Suffragettes in Nottingham

"Votes for Women!" Nottinghamshire suffragists and suffragettes were involved in the National campaign from at least the 1870s - these are some of their stories

18th May Guided tour of William Booth Museum, Sneinton

Tour of the Museum and the Georgian house with kitchen, lounge etc plus a visit to the church.

26th June Guided tour of Harlaxton Manor, nr Grantham

Tour of the house plus free time in the gardens.

28th July Backstage tour of the Theatre Royal

Join Ezekial Bone on a journey through the heart of Nottingham's theatre land. Stand on the hallowed stage, see behind the scenes and learn how the theatre works. Hear about the great architects who built this monument to the arts. Be transported from the boom of theatre in Victorian times and the Opening Night in 1865, to the contemporary world of entertainment of today in the Royal Concert Hall.

26th Sep Ann Featherstone - The Victorian Fair: freaks and fisticuffs

Think of freak shows and boxing booths, primitive roundabouts and gingerbread, noise, mayhem and crime – the Victorian statute fair, wakes or mop. This talk looks at the history of the fair and explores some of the fascinating shows and showmen that emerged from the 19th century fairground.

24th Oct Robert Mee - Derbyshire Castles

This talk starts by looking at the history of castles in general, and then examines each known castle site within the county – and there are a surprising number of them! Some castles are dealt with in some detail, whilst others are covered briefly, as their history is itself sparse.

28th Nov Tracey Akehurst - Once upon a Time at Christmas

Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Kiss your neighbours under the mistletoe. Keep the Yule log burning and decorate the Christmas Tree! Of all the seasonal celebrations Christmas has more traditional plants, with their accompanying legends and symbolism, than any other. Drawing on both pagan and Christian traditions this talk looks at why we still continue to use such an abundance of greenery today.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. We meet at the Women's Institute, Main Street in Lowdham on the dates shown at 7.30pm. There is a visitor's charge of £3 per person. Why not join us for an annual fee of £12 and come to all our meetings?

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