



Welcome to our 2017 Newsletter

Chairman's report

The Society's main activities in 2016 have continued to be very successful with members and non-members. Our wide ranging talks and visits have again been well attended. The talks included Nottingham Townhouses, Nottingham Suffragettes, Virtual Tour of Whitby, Victorian Fairs, Derbyshire Castles and Christmas Traditions. Our outings included a visit to the William Booth Museum and Sneinton Church, Tour of Harlaxton Manor and Gardens and a Backstage Tour of the Nottingham Theatre Royal with the charismatic Ezekial Bone. Reports on some of our past talks can be found on our website www.lambleyheritage.co.uk

The Society has been active within the local community working with Lambley Primary School on the following projects:

- Development of Lambley heritage learning resources for the school to use on a regular basis with the children. The School has been issued with copies of the Society's Lambley books and Village Trails leaflets.
- Oral History Recordings. In November three members of the local community were invited into the school to share their experiences of life in Lambley with the children. Lawrence Milbourn answered questions from the children about his role as a Lambley School Governor, his tree plantation and his school days. Pat Burrows answered questions on Lambley Church and his role as Church Warden. Lesley Heyhoe talked to the children about her time at Lambley School and her family business at Hilltop Nurseries. The children found the recording sessions interesting, especially when Lesley told them that serious discipline issues in her day were dealt with by corporal punishment - a leather strap across the hand! The recordings will be used by the school to help the children understand what life was like living and working in Lambley in the recent past and give them an insight into the activities of local residents today. Copies of the recordings along with other new material including a range of excellent village trail leaflets covering our Village Heritage and Walks along the Dumbles will be available on our website in 2017.
- In the Spring school term we will return to the School to work with the children on a Lambley Trail for Children. Our President Chris Weir will be working with us on this. At the end of the project we will publish the best Children's Trail/s on our website.

CBA East Midlands Boundaries Project.

Your Committee has accepted an invitation to join this interesting project. The project is designed to involve local groups in a regional exercise to map their local parish boundaries and identify features of archaeological and historic interest that mark them. This way a large number of local groups can make a small contribution to a large project. The result will be a unique online resource accessible to anyone with an interest in historic landscapes and will serve as an important record. At a local level the information recorded may act as a stimulus for further research into the history of the parish. Members, who wish to know more about this project, please speak to Lawrence Milbourn, Celia Morris or a Committee Member.

Our programme for 2017 is an exciting eclectic mix of talks and visits. Details are to be found overleaf.

As ever, on behalf of the members, I would like to thank my friends on the committee for all their hard work in 2016. The Society continues to move forward and attracts new members and visitors to our meetings, because of their dedication, commitment and hard work. They have organised the following:

- The talks and visits.
- Published details of our events and activities in the local media.
- Maintained and developed our website, which gives us a platform to promote the Society and history of Lambley worldwide.
- The finances of the Society, so that we remain solvent.
- Compiled and published the annual newsletter.

Jackie Mansfield has decided to step down from her role as Treasurer. Jackie has kept us on the financial straight and narrow for a number of years. Her input at our committee meetings is valued by the other members of the committee and she has promised to remain a member of the committee in the future. I am sure that I speak for all members of the Society in thanking Jackie for her contribution to the Society as Treasurer.

A special thank you to our President, Chris Weir. Chris regularly submits a stimulating article for our newsletter. I know that you will enjoy his latest offering.

Finally thank you, to you the members, for your excellent attendance at our meetings and visits in 2016. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

John Smith/Chairman



Website makeover!

The website for Lambley Historical Society - www.lambleyheritage.co.uk has undergone a makeover! We have given it a fresher, more modern look, redesigned the Gallery pages and hopefully made it easier to use. During the last year, the website attracted 5,549 visits worldwide. We hope that we can now get more people involved with maintenance and updating the galleries as well as introducing new material. If you would like to be involved in some way please talk to a committee member. Technical skills, writing skills or photography know-how would be useful.

Our 2017 Programme -

25th January
AGM & Social evening
Buffet & quiz.

27th March
History of Listed Buildings and
Conservation Research
- Annette Willoughby

This talk is based on Annette's research and takes us from the start of the conservation movement, through the shift of focus from individual monuments such as Stonehenge, to the whole area approach that we see with conservation areas. We look at how this change affects living buildings and why protecting heritage matters, using Southwell as a case study.



24th April
Nottingham's Arboretum
and other Historic Green
Spaces - Judith Mills

The creation of Nottingham's Arboretum, together with other historic green spaces, was a result of the town's 1845 Enclosure Act. This talk will explain the background to the Act, explore the inspiration for the Arboretum, and discuss how the Arboretum has been used, managed and developed over the years.



27th Feb
Rufford Abbey - Pete Smith

This talk will explore the history of Rufford Abbey during the Victorian and Edwardian periods; from 1800 to 1938 when the house and its contents were sold by the Savile family. It will correct a number of assumptions which have been mistakenly repeated about the architects and dates of the various alterations carried out at the Abbey during this period and will be illustrated with a large number of historic photographs which show the house as it was before its partial destruction in the 1950s.



Summ

17th May

Guided tour of Kelham Hall

Kelham Hall is a magnificent Victorian house, built in 1863, set within 88 acres of parkland.

It has a rich history as the ancestral home of the Manners-Sutton family, along with its use as a theological college for an Anglican Order of Monks. The distinct design features of renowned architect Sir George

Gilbert Scott make it a fascinating place to visit. The

guide will take us on a tour around the ground floors of the Hall, and let us into some of Kelham's secrets.

£12 LHS members, £15 Guests

3rd June

Guided tour of Nottingham
Arboretum

This walk looks at the history of the park, outlining why it is a Grade II* listed site. In addition to the places of interest there will be an overview of the variety of trees, including the oldest specimens.

£5 LHS members, £7 Guests

9th July

Robin Hood tour of
Nottingham
with Ezekial Bone

Join Ezekial Bone to explore Nottingham, learn about its history and discover the truth of Robin Hood. The tour takes in the town centre in a circuitous route and we'll be stopping for refreshments half way round at the Malt Cross where we will also see the caves. The tour finishes

at Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem with ales and good times! Robin Hood Lives!

£10 LHS members, £13 Guests

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25th Sep Adventures on Wheels - Cycling through local history

- **Stephen Cooper**

Join Stephen on a virtual bike ride, exploring some of Nottinghamshire's historic places. Some are famous, like Newark Castle, but be prepared for some surprises too.



23rd Oct

The Pentrich Rising - Michael Parkin

The Rising at Pentrich in Derbyshire took place in the difficult period following the Napoleonic War. Many historians held the view that England was never closer to a full-blown revolution than during the period 1815 to 1820. With leaders still looking over their shoulders at the French Revolution, the country under an enormous burden of post-war debt and the economy on its knees, the government resorted to dubious tactics in order to survive. Quite a story from a small Derbyshire village!

27th Nov

'Fools & Horses', the Victorian circus

- **Ann Featherstone**

The history of the Victorian is one of high success and dreadful failure, of fires, falls and fabulous feats. Of horses, equilibrists, aerial acts and clowns, and the men and women who rode, tumbled, swung and gagged. Of 'Lord' George Sanger whose circus was pitched at Windsor Castle to perform for Queen Victoria. And Charlie Keith who invented the first iron circus. This talk provides a fascinating insight into this little known aspect of Victorian entertainment.



All talks take place at Lowdham WI Hall and start at 7.30 and are followed by tea or coffee. New members and guests always welcome. (Guests £3)

LAMBLEY ALMSHOUSES IN THE NEWS!



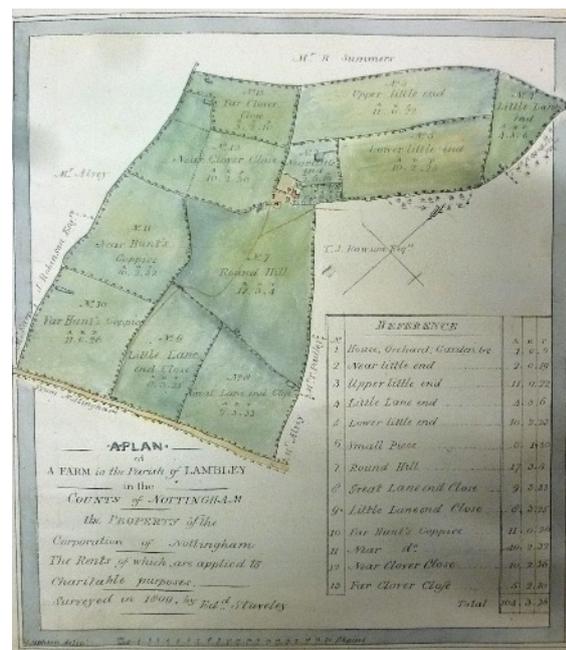
On Tuesday 6th December Lambley Almshouses received a 'Commendation' from the Nottingham Civic Society for the building's restoration by Pelham Architects for the Nottingham Community Housing Association. The restoration was first class and fully respected the original form and building materials of the original 'houses'. The Civic Society Award was presented by Hilary Sylvester, Joint Chair of the Society and I attended as a Board Member of the Civic Society and as President of the Lambley Historical Society.



I wrote a piece for the annual newsletter on the history of the almshouses back in January 2007. Briefly the almshouses date back to a title deed of the 1650s (CA 5603) that is deposited in Nottinghamshire Archives. The deed is for 104 acres of land to be conveyed from Elizabeth and Edward Willoughby to John Parker, Mayor of Nottingham, William Drury and William Bayley for £600, for the rents and profits to be applied for charitable purposes. This was the start of the Lambley Charity. A map of the land in Lambley is included in an Account Book of the early 1800s (CA 5640). Initially the Charity profits were applied to the apprenticeships for the sons of 'poor Burgesses'. The burgesses were males who held trades in the town, rights in the common fields and who could stand for public office. However, during the early 1800s moves within the Common Council of the Corporation led to a decision to end the apprenticeships and to find a site to build Lambley Charity Almshouses 'for the support of decayed burgesses'. A site was eventually found on Derby Road (just off the hill leading in/out of Nottingham, an area known as the Sandhills)) and this provided 22 dwellings for poor burgesses or their widows. One list (CA 5636/2, 1815)) reveals that Sarah Milner, aged 59, who lived on the ground storey, centre wing, was the widow of Thomas Milner, the Town Crier. The



Derby Road houses had been opened in 1814 but the land had been expensive and the Charity carried a considerable burden of debt. At the turn of the century it was decided to sell the Derby Road site and move to the present position on Woodborough Road (near the junction with Hungerhill Road). The new Lambley Almshouses were built in 1897. A handsome stone plaque, now cleaned, records the roots of the almshouses in our very own Lambley parish!



Inspire Nottinghamshire Archives: CA 5640

PRESENT LOCATION UNCERTAIN: Nottingham WW1 Community Project to go ahead.....

This year I will be working on a project to conserve and digitise a collection of WW1 period letters, field postcards and photographs relating to the life of Harold Priestley, a Nottingham soldier. Harold fell near Arras but his letters and those back from his wife Eva recall the stresses and strains of the war on individuals and families of the time. The project title comes from letters returned to Eva from the Front after Harold had fallen at an unknown location in battle. The project will receive Heritage Lottery Funding and is based at the Vine Community Centre in Hyson Green and St Stephen's Church. A community drama will be created based on the letters and a documentary film will record aspects of the project. The digitised collection and film will be deposited locally and at the Local Studies Library in Nottingham.

TREASURERS REPORT 2016

2016 has been another successful year for our Society, We have retained a substantial financial balance both in our current and business accounts and our membership numbers show a slight increase. We have a very loyal membership who continue to turn up even in the most inclement weather, due in part to the wide and varied programme of lectures which we are able to offer. Our three summer outings are also much appreciated.

All this comes at a price but we have been able to meet the rising cost and will continue to make high quality lectures a priority, whilst, at the same time, not increasing the membership fee (for next year at least) which will remain at £12 pa.

This is my last year as Treasurer. I will be standing down at the next AGM so I would like to thank the LHS Committee for their support and helpful advice and the members for their patience and good nature when I fumbled for change or spent too long adding up and subtracting and generally making a mess of things! I have enjoyed my stint as Treasurer and will continue to act as a Committee member but will not be sitting near the door in future, I willingly vacate that seat for my successor.

Finally I wish the new Treasurer a happy time balancing the books for (hopefully) many years to come.

Jackie Mansfield /December 2016