



Welcome to our 2023 Newsletter

Apart from the cancellation of January AGM (moved to February because of Covid) we completed a full programme of events. Our meetings and visits were an eclectic mix of local and national history. They included talks on Aeroplanes, Edwardian Nottingham, Gedling, Carlton and Netherfield and visits to Woodthorpe Grange, a tour of Nottingham shops and the Newark Heritage barge.

The Society had a stall at the Lambley Village Show. The event was very well attended, with many people stopping to look at our picture display of 'Celebrations in Lambley'. It was an enjoyable and rewarding day.

We have recently been given a large number of photographs of Lambley. They are the output of a heritage project in conjunction with the LHS approximately 25 years ago. We will be cataloguing the photographs for our archive.



Bygone Shops of Nottingham - our summer walk with Chris Weir

To promote the Society and its work, we are looking to have a regular heritage picture feature in the Parish Magazine – 'Lambley Life'. The magazine is distributed to all households in the Parish.

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Have another go at the Chairman's BIG QUIZ for 2022/3 in the centre pages.

Yes! This is a second chance to complete last year's quiz - we know you will have forgotten the answers from last year!

There is a PRIZE!!!

As ever, we have received a number of enquiries over the year about Lambley History and its people. Most enquiries are from people researching their family tree. Kay draws upon her record of graves in Lambley to assist people in their research. The recording of memorials is a project by The Nottingham Family History Society. Kay expanded her survey to include unmarked graves and a plan for our records. Kay believes that the Church of England is starting a project to record all their graveyards. She has also liaised with Lambley Parish Council on some issues. We are also grateful to long standing local residents, who have records of local people and are happy to share their knowledge with others.

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Programme for 2023

Meetings and Summer Outings

All talks take place at Lowdham WI Hall, start at 7.30 and are followed by tea or coffee afterwards. New members and guests always welcome.

Feb 27th - Richard Bridgford Gin Lane to the Band of Hope

This talk highlights the problems caused by the changes in drinking habits due to urbanisation and industrialisation as well as the rise of the Temperance movement in response to those problems.



Mar 27th - Mike Chapman A History of Local Brick

A talk on the history of brickmaking and how the industry remains today of significant local and national importance.

Apr 24th - Derek Brickell 1989 Kegworth Air Disaster

An eyewitness account of the Kegworth Air Disaster and its impact on East Midlands Airport, British Midland, those involved and the wider air transport industry.



May 21st (Sun) - Stephen Wright Guided walk around Netherfield

Following our fascinating slide show in 2022, Stephen will take us from green fields to a railway and industrial town as Netherfield became a commuter settlement and a suburb of Nottingham. Find out more on this easy walk

June 14th (Weds)

Nottingham Rock Cemetery guided tour

This is a unique opportunity to visit the fascinating catacombs beneath Rock Cemetery. A guided tour will provide an introduction and background to the creation of the Cemetery itself, highlighting some of the beautifully hand-crafted memorials commemorating people of historical interest and will also include a visit to the catacombs and Robin Hood's Cave.



July 22nd (Sat)

Visit to St Leonards Church and the Dovecote at Wollaton

We will be given a guided tour of St Leonards church followed by a visit to the 16th century Dovecote where you will step into a remarkable building and back into Wollaton history.

**Sep 25th - Andy Smart
Bygones from Nottingham**

Lots of different stories that have appeared in the Bygones magazine over the years, all supported by old photos and a few anecdotes from his years in journalism.



**Oct 23rd Jonathan Smith
A day in the life of a Metal Detectorist**

An insight into the fascinating hobby of Metal Detecting... The equipment, the method, the funny stories and most of all, the historical artefacts and answering the question "What was that used for?". Opportunity to hold a Roman Brooch, neolithic tool or a medieval coin at the end of the talk.

**Nov 27th Laura Parker
The Archaeology of the NET2 Tram**

The talk will look at the works completed during the construction of the NET2 tram route from Nottingham city centre to Clifton and Toton and what archaeology was uncovered during the works.

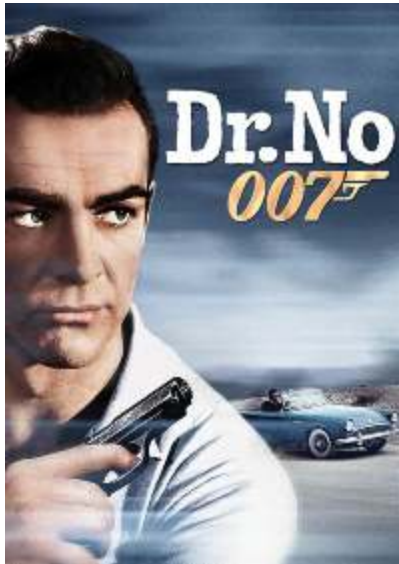


Chairman's Big Quiz 2022/3

49 questions - Correct answers will be given at at the AGM - There will be a prize....

General Knowledge - Round 1

1. Complete the name of this Scottish football club - Forfar ...
2. What species of ape has a natural copper tinge to its hair or fur?
3. Which country is Kim Jong-Un the leader of?
4. According to the Beatles, who 'Picks up the rice in the church where a wedding has been'?
5. Which poem by Rudyard Kipling ends with the line 'And which is more, you'll be a man my son'?
6. Which Norfolk city was the first in the UK to adopt the postcode system?
7. In what film does John Hurt die in a gruesome chest-bursting scene?



8. William H Bonney is one of the aliases of which cowboy bank robber?
9. What was Tarzan's main item of clothing?
10. Which actress emerged from the sea in Dr No wearing a white bikini?
11. Which singer sang, 'From Russia with love', 'Born Free' and 'The Impossible Dream'?
12. In the Star Wars films, what is the real name of Ben Kenobi played by Alec Guinness and Ewan Macgregor?

13. What does the Greek word 'Portokali' mean in English?

14. Which Labour leader was filmed falling into the sea at Brighton beach in 1983?



15. The point directly above an earthquake's focal point is called what?
16. What alternative name was given to German Shepherd Dogs after World War 1 because of the German part of their name?

Music - Round 2

Name the band and the song

1. Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk with you again.
2. Sitting in the morning sun, I'll be sitting when the evening comes.
3. Young teacher, the subject of schoolgirl fantasy.
4. The sirens are screaming and the fires are howling way down in the valley tonight.
5. I work all night, I work all day to pay the bills I have to pay. Ain't it sad.
6. Is this the real life, or is this just fantasy.
7. Turn around. Every now and then I get a little bit lonely.

8. And he drove the fastest milk cart in the West.
9. People try to put us down, just because we get around.
10. On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair.
11. I've got sunshine on a cloudy day.
12. All the leaves are brown and the sky is grey.
13. I got my first real six string. Bought it at the 5 and dime.

History - Round 3

1. Joshua Slocum was the first man to accomplish what between the years 1895 and 1898?
2. In which river did the RMS Empress of Ireland sink with a loss of 1,012 souls?
3. A Churchillian expression and the name of an American jazz-rock band that played at the legendary Woodstock Festival. Four words.



4. Which four US Presidents or former Presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize? One point for each correct answer.
5. Which 1873 repeater is known as 'The Gun that Won the West'?
6. What was the name of the chess playing computer that defeated World Champion Gary Kasparov in 1997?
7. Gavrilo Princip assassinated which man?
8. The unsuccessful US invasion of Cuba in April 1961 is known as what?
9. Which superlative does one associate with the Anglo-Zanzibar War?

10. Known as 'The Three Hundred and Thirty-five Year War', which country was officially at war with the Isles of Scilly (located off the southwest coast of England) between 1651 and 1986? a. France b. The Netherlands c. The Vatican State d. Spain

Geography - Round 4



1. Abkhazia and South Ossetia are both breakaway republics found within which country?
2. Which disputed territory and ex colony of Spain is bordered by Mauritania, Algeria and Morocco?
3. Name the four countries in The Commonwealth of Nations that begin with the letter 'T'. One point for each correct answer.
4. What is the name of the currency in both North and South Korea?
5. According to the UN, which three countries have granted protection to the most refugees in the 21st century? One point for each correct answer.
6. What is the only country in the world with an AK 47 assault rifle depicted on its national flag?
7. What are the Spice Islands called today?
8. Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall, is located in which country?
9. Which country has a national holiday on May 28th each year in order to celebrate its first nuclear test?
10. A walled citadel found in North African towns and cities. Six letters.



Chris Weir - my year

Firstly apologies for not getting to more Society talks this year. It has been a great programme and I have been sorry to have been absent so much. With the lessening of Covid restrictions the number of meetings has risen with various heritage groups, the number of talks has also risen and I have started to do face-to-face WEA (Workers Educational Association) classes.

From the 7th February to the 28th February (Tuesday mornings) I am taking a course on Victorian Nottingham at the Mechanics Institute in Nottingham. I've also been continuing work with the Eastcroft & Cattle Market Heritage Group. It had an extension so that we could complete some elements of the project. The work on oral history transcripts for the project has been quite hard and time consuming but really enjoyable.



What especially comes over from hearing the recordings is how much visitors to the stalls and the auction houses value their visits. Many go time and time again and they build friendships that last for many years. Staff at the auction house all said that working there was like 'being part of a family' and 'we all support each other'.

A few years ago there was a serious fire at the Market and though some buildings were sadly beyond repair, everyone rallied round. Today much of the auction house business is online but lots of people still like to attend the 'live' auctions. One member of staff remembered when they auctioned some life-size animals including a giraffe, a rhino and several chimpanzees; they proved very popular!

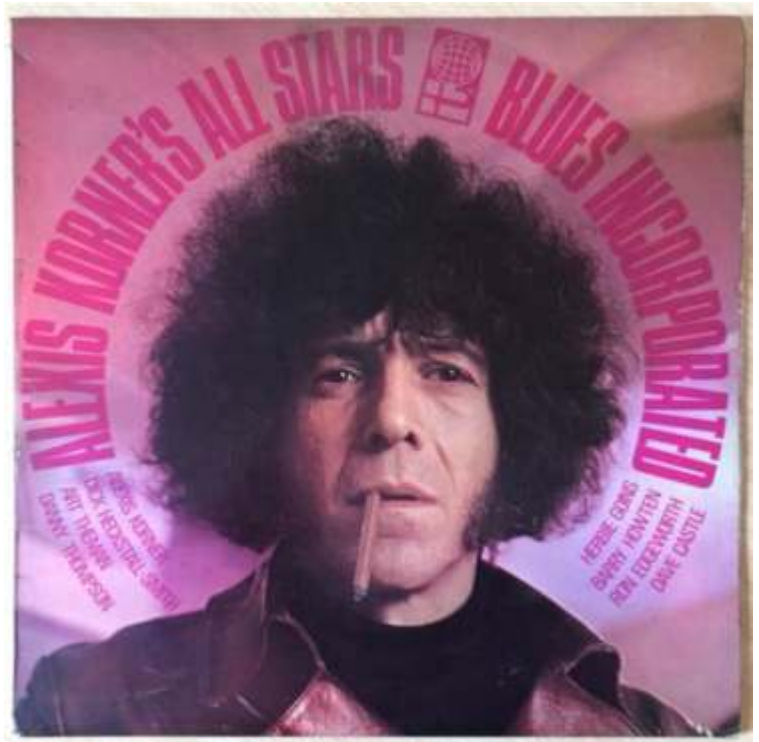
Doing face-to-face courses for the WEA again reminds me of my early days in local history, back to the late 70s and 80s. My first adult education class, under the auspices of the University's Adult Education Department, was at Lambley. I remember a meeting in the village hall to discuss the possibility of doing sessions in the village. The hall was packed and was in the presence of the Reverend Bill Gull. I was very nervous but all was well and I remained at Lambley for 3 years.

Eventually the course led to the Village Study. Thank you Lambley! Other classes followed with several at villages, including Lowdham and Wellow. Last year I did a Day School on Georgian Nottinghamshire and a course on Victorian Nottinghamshire at Radcliffe-on-Trent that is continuing in 2023.

During 2022 I finally finished my own project which was to catalogue my 60 LP records. I started the project in Covid to give me something to do. Somehow the cataloguing grew into a kind of excursion into my own life between the early 60s and 1974. I have included bits about my life in those years but linked to the music I heard. One of my first musical memories was hearing the record Tel

Star. It seemed totally different from anything else around and was fascinating as Tel Star was named after a US satellite launched in 1962.

I have a diary from that year and there is a line in pencil that reads 'bought the record Tel Star today. That was a single and I didn't ever buy many singles but every so often from 1964 I did buy LPs. The first one was 'Alexis Korner Blues Incorporated' which I bought at Pearsons in Nottingham. So



gradually I kept adding more bits and pieces to the catalogue and now I've ended up with 'My Vinyl Years.' I don't really know what to do with my Vinyl Years but it was a great diversion from Covid!

Finally, a huge thank you to all the committee and to all members who contribute in so many different ways to the work of the Society.

Chris Weir January 2023

Chair's address - continued from front page

LHS Website – Our current software is now out of date. We will be looking to replace it this year. Also our website hosting cost has increased dramatically. We have managed to secure a 50% discount this year, but next year we will probably have to move the website to a new host. If anyone can help us with these two issues, then please speak to Roger or another member of the committee.



Our Summer Outing to Woodthorpe Grange Park and Gardens with Paul Swift

Our programme for 2023 is an exciting mix of talks and visits. Details are to be found in this newsletter.

As ever, on behalf of the members, I would like to thank my friends on the committee for all their hard work in 2022. 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.

Dealt with correspondence and enquiries about Lambley History and its residents.

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

History Department



“It’s basically a good masters thesis, but the word you want is ‘Serfs’ not ‘Smurfs’.”

Finally thank you, to you the members, for your support and attendance at the couple of meetings that we held. I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

John Smith
Chairman



Lambley bus shelter decorated for the Jubilee

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2022

Joyce Harrison - Treasurer

This year saw HSBC bank change our account to ‘Business Account’ and start charging monthly fees plus a charge for every cheque processed.

The only way to avoid the charges is to apply for ‘Charity’ status but this a long and expensive process with no guarantee that a bank will accept us. Access to our second account was also restricted so the committee took the decision to transfer the balance to our main account.

We are now making the majority of our transactions in cash and we were able to make a small profit this year.