



Lambley Historical Society

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Welcome to our 2025 Newsletter

Our meetings and visits were an eclectic mix of local and national history. They included talks by a Metal Detectorist, The Bennerley Viaduct, History of the Houses of Parliament and Pilots n' Petticoats. Visits to Burton Joyce, Manuscripts Collection and Transport Museum at Ruddington.

Our guided tour of Burton Joyce on a glorious day



The Society again had a display of pictures at the Lambley Village Show in September. The theme was Lambley People Past and Present. It was good to see a picture of Betty Jones (one of our founding LHS members) at the start of the exhibition. The event was very well attended, with many people stopping to look at our picture display. It was an enjoyable and rewarding day.

To promote the Society with local residents, Kay submits a regular article and photographs from our archive to the Lambley Life Magazine. The magazine is distributed to all residents of Lambley.

As ever we receive enquiries about Lambley History and its people. We are happy to help when we can, drawing on our records and knowledge of local residents. We continue to add to our photographic archive thanks to the generosity of people and the purchase of a small number of copyright photographs.

The Society has maintained its membership numbers

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Above - The amazing model railway layout at the Transport Museum, Ruddington.



Left - Inspecting a recent acquisition.



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2025 TALKS + 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 24

Karen Winyard - In and out of Wedlock

This talk looks at the movement to reform the legal system for married women's rights and four women in Nottinghamshire who contributed to the groundswell of public opinion.



Mar 24

Matthew Lymn-Rose 117 Years of Saying Goodbye

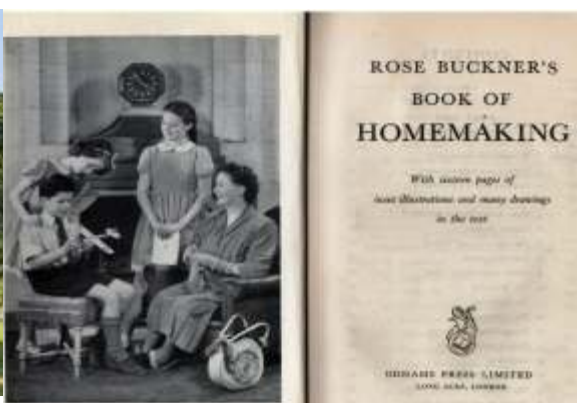
Matthew is Managing Director and great-great-grandson of the founder of A.W. Lymn, the Family Funeral Service since 1907. He will talk about the way we have mourned in the United Kingdom for generations, and how his family business came to being. He will cover modern ways of celebrating lives, and how the business has changed over the years, and the work they have done over five generations.



Apr 28

Keith Small – The River Trent in History and in Life

The River Trent starts at the source in North Staffordshire and takes us on a journey to its outfall into the Humber Estuary and the North Sea. During this journey we look at some of the landscape features and historical events that have made this river one of the most important and influential waterways in the history of Britain



Sep 22

Ann Featherstone - Mashed potato sandwiches and bottle top tinsel

Rose Buckner's post-war world of home-making - A fascinating look at homemaking, parenting and cooking in times of austerity as shown by Rose Buckner, who wrote about it in her book and columns for the Sunday People newspaper.

Oct 27

Laura Parker – The Archeology of Nottingham Castle

The talk will give a review and findings of the excavations that took place during the renovation of Nottingham Castle 2014-2018.



Nov 24

Maureen Taylor – Bess of Hardwick

Was Bess of Hardwick 'avaricious, ambitious, masculine in deeds and thoughts' as thought of for years after her death, or was she 'sociable, friendly, vivacious, caring only for her family' as described in her lifetime? Today, she is possibly regarded as a social climber or just interested in rich men to marry. She married into the social levels in which she found herself in.

SUMMER OUTINGS

May 15

Visit to the Nottingham City Museums & Galleries Store, Bobbers Mill

A sneak peek behind the scenes at the Nottingham City Museums & Galleries off-site storage facility. We will tour three units, containing industrial history, social history and archaeology collections, seeing everything from a Nottingham built Swift & Wass curtain lace machine, to material from Raleigh, Cropper, Players and everyday items such as radios, telephones, bricks and mangles!



Jun 21

Guided Walk round Bennerley Viaduct

Following the interesting talk in 2024, we will walk around and over the viaduct.

Jul 15

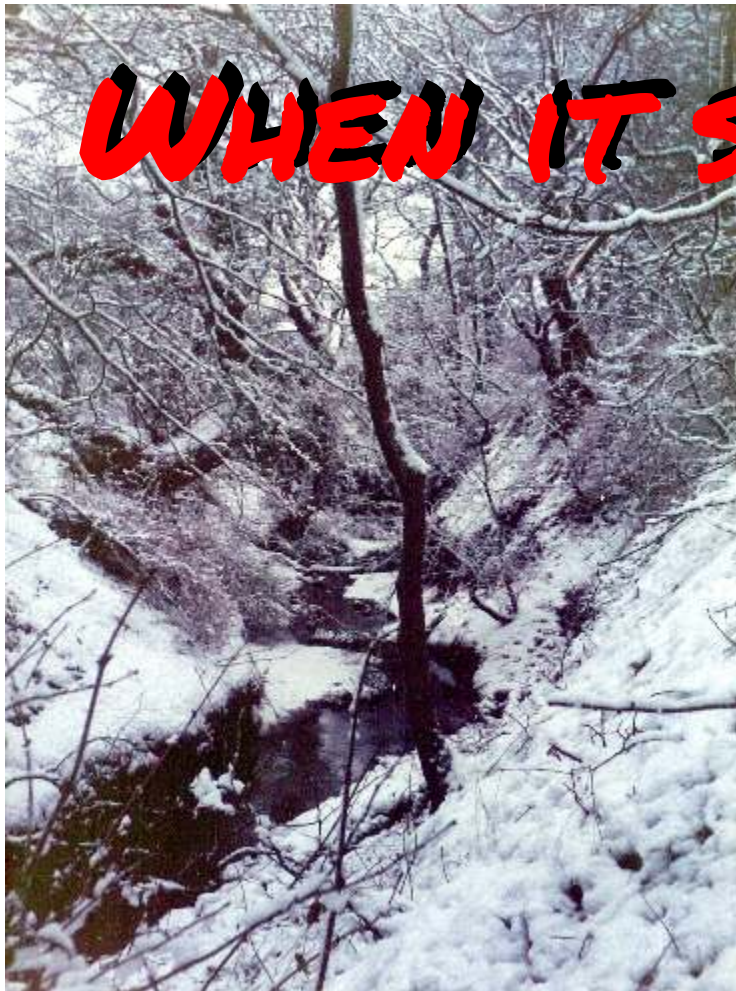
Guided tour of Shardlow and the Heritage Centre

A visit to Shardlow and its Heritage Centre for a fascinating insight into this 18th century canal transshipment port. We will be guided around the village to see many of the older buildings and hear all about the history.

(See Chris Weir's article)



WHEN IT SNOWS . .



The Dumbles

Green Lane & The Woodlark (On right of picture)



Off to school - by sledge

Somewhere in Lambley....





Gedling Colliery Pit Heaps - 1950's



Catfoot Lane Snow - 1947

Lambley House Farm





A Happy New Year 2025!

Here we are in a brand new, shiny year. I hope members have had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members, volunteers and helpers for all their wonderful work over the past year. The buzz at meetings is always great and the programme of talks and visits incredibly varied; but all these activities take lots of time, energy and effort; so a hearty thank you to our Committee and to everyone who volunteers and

supports the Society's great range of activities.

I've had a more limited year in exploring local history locations and events owing to a run of ill-health issues but I did get out to Shardlow and had a wander round the canals, warehouses and the visitor centre earlier in the year. It was a lovely day and a real treat. I used to walk and cycle round this area a lot when 'I was a lad' and lived in Sandiacre and then Toton. Shardlow was a major inland port that stands at the confluence of the Trent-Mersey Canal and River Trent and there's lots to see of the canal era: warehouses, pubs, the heritage centre and there's the marina with lots of boats. When I popped into the Heritage Centre I heard a voice declare.... 'well, I don't believe it....its Chris Weir!' When I looked back I saw it was Sheila Cooke! She was head of the

Nottinghamshire Local Studies Library back in the Seventies when I was a records clerk with Nottingham City Archives in the basement of the Library in the old University College building on South Sherwood Street in Nottingham. Local Studies was at the other end of the building but I used to go to their staff room for breaks and liaise with their staff, including Stephen Best, over all sorts of enquiries. I remembered that Sheila was a great canal boat enthusiast and following retirement she had taken on a major role at the Shardlow centre. We had a great chat and catch-up. On

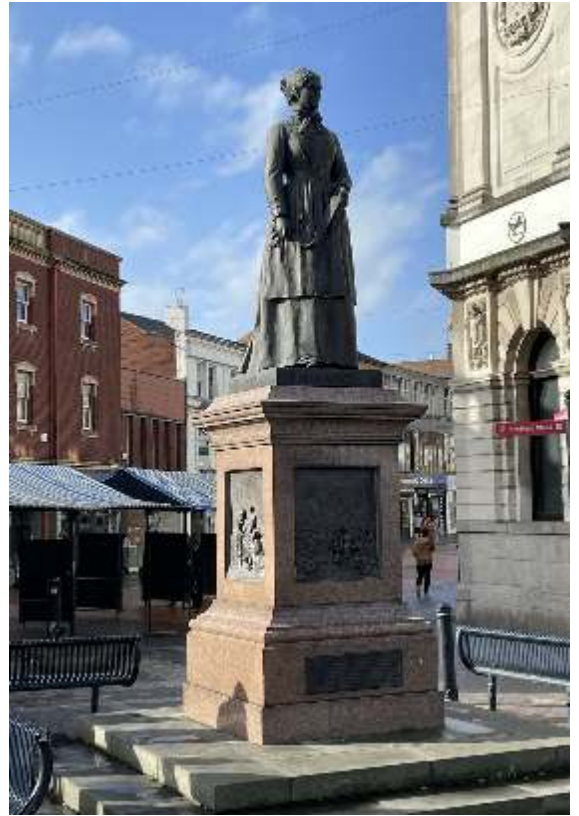


the canal theme I have very much enjoyed watching Canal Boat Diaries on TV. I have always been a bit dodgy with water but watching someone else cruise the canal highways and explore delightful canal villages and urban wharves is fascinatingand watching Rob Cumming heave lock gates aside and cope with weed wrapped around his boat's propellor is equally engaging. He always seem to have the answer to the problem; and if not there's always a cuppa in prospect.

Another great day was spent in Walsall. It's a town I had never visited before but a friend mentioned that the art gallery there was having an exhibition of work by the sculptor Jacob Epstein. There were statues by Epstein (1880-1959) and works of art by artists from around the world, including Degas, Matisse and Picasso. The works of art were largely the result of the combined artistic interests of Epstein and his long-term friend Kathleen Garman. They pooled their monetary resources and art enthusiasms to purchase many important works of art. When you step outside the Gallery you will soon see a large statue. This statue wasn't by Epstein but by a Frances John Williamson. It was unveiled in 1886. This is thought to be the first major public statue of a non-Royal to a woman in the UK. It is of Dorothy Pattison (1832-1878), known popularly as Nurse Dora. She was a nun and a nurse who tended to the sick in a local Cottage

Hospital and helped victims of accidents in factories and at a local colliery disaster. Sister Dora was greatly revered and hundreds of people followed her funeral procession through the town.

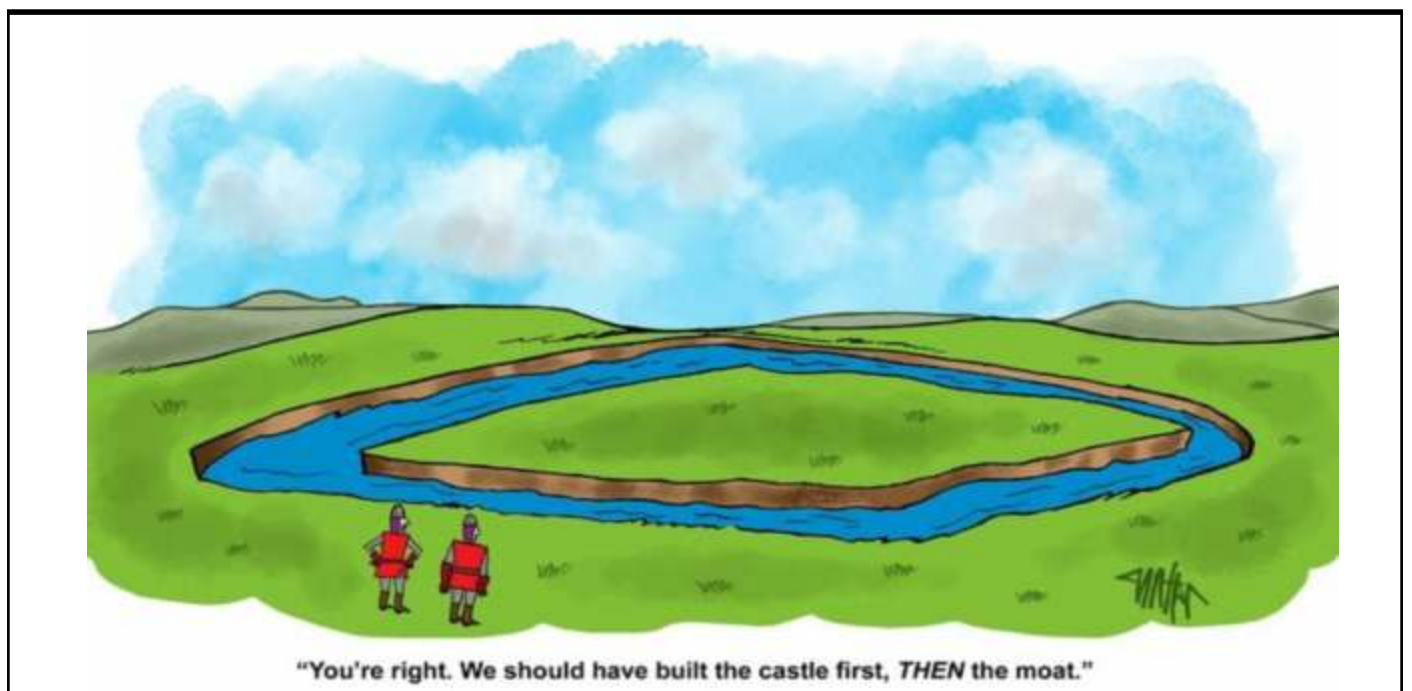
Earlier in the year I gave a talk on 'Down The Marshes' at the wonderful new Central Library in Nottingham on the 11th May. A Marsh Forum was created through Local Studies (Lynda Naylor) based on partnerships with several historical groups. The idea was to encourage interest in local history through talks and other activities and to link these whenever possible to the exhibitions being planned at the Library. I had the privilege of being the first speaker of the Forum. This was probably because the Library's opening exhibition was about the history of Broad and Narrow Marsh! The talk was attended by 90-100 people and lots of people had memories of the area. I've also continued with adult education classes, including on Victorian Nottingham at The Mechanics and Discovering Nottingham's Inner Suburbs at Radcliffe-On Trent. Starting on the 30th January I am again at The Mechanics on 'Georgian Nottinghamshire: Country Houses, China Tea and



Dancing The Quadrille.' The Mechanics has planned a Leisure Learning Programme for Jan March www.nottmleisurelearning.com.

Finally a big thank you to John and Roger for compiling the newsletter. It's a lot of work and must take a lot of time. It is greatly appreciated by all of us.

So greetings for 2025 and see you soon in Lambley! **Chris Weir**



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whilst many other history groups have struggled. We continue to see a good attendance at our meetings. We get a number of visitor attendees many of whom become members. If you know someone who has an interest in history and would like to come along as a guest and or join, then they would be most welcome. Please encourage friends and acquaintances to come to our meetings and visits. We are, as you know, a friendly group with a lot to offer – including tea and biscuits!

Our programme for 2025 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 2024. 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.



Finally thank you, to you the members, for your support and attendance at our talks and visits. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

**John Smith -
Chairman**



Thank you Joyce!

After several years acting as our treasurer, Joyce has decided she will give it one more year, then it will be someone else's turn to balance the books!

Although we are a small (but very important!) society we still have to keep our finances in good order. This, Joyce has managed through some difficult times, having to deal with complicated new financial regulations and for that we owe her our sincere thanks.

This does mean, however, that we will require a new Treasurer for the start of 2026. We would welcome interest now so that a new person could be eased into the role in plenty of time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2024
Joyce Harrison - Treasurer**

Last year we maintained our membership as the previous year. Our expenditure was quite a lot higher mainly because of the rise in Speaker fees but our end of year bank balance allows us to keep membership fees the same. I noted this year that although the HSBC say 50p charge per cheque they actually charge 50p to put in Post Office and 50p for the Post Office to pay the bank. Once again a big thank you to everyone for paying in cash.