

## Nottinghamshire Archives

# What's On Events July – October 2015

### Workshops:

#### Exploring the Calendar

Wednesday 22 July, 2.30 – 3.30pm

**£4, booking essential**

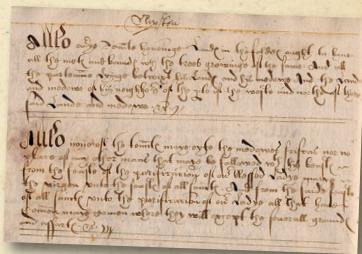
Essential knowledge for all users of archives including family and local historians, the different ways our ancestors counted days, months and years are crucial for understanding how documents are dated. This workshop will examine the different techniques used and get you exploring original documents to see how dates have been written in the past.

#### Reading Old Handwriting – Early English

Wednesday 29 July, 2.30 – 4pm

**£4, booking essential**

This workshop will help you explore the handwriting used in different documents from the 16th and 17th centuries, with tips on how to read scripts from a wide selection of records. Essential for all historians and anyone interested in using original archives!



**To book an event visit the Archives or call 0115 958 1634.**

**For more information about the Archives visit**

**[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives)**

## Opening hours

**Tuesday 9am – 7pm**

**Wednesday to Friday 9am – 5pm**

**Saturday 9am – 1pm**

## Group Visits

Would you like to book a private visit for your group or society? Our Group Visits offer introductory talks; tours of our search room, strong rooms and conservation unit; and the opportunity to see a selection of archives. For details and rates, visit **[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives)**



## Reading Old Handwriting – Latin

Wednesday 5 August, 2.30 – 4pm

**£4, booking essential**

This workshop will explore documents written in Latin, giving you essential advice and help in reading different handwriting styles used in earlier documents and interpreting Latin. A useful introduction to the use of Latin in archives.



## Write You By The Lions

Saturday 8 August, 9.30am – 12.30pm

**£8, booking essential**

Nottingham's Old Market Square, including the Council House and its famous lions, has always been the focus of activity in the City. Using documents held at Nottinghamshire Archives, this workshop will use the history of Market Square and the

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City Centre to inspire writing about the people and buildings who have shared the space over the ages, whether it's stories from long ago or capturing the essence of today's Market Square in poetry. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about Market Square and try some simple writing exercises to get your imagination going.

## Writing the Lifeless Body

Wednesday 12 August, 1.30 – 4.30pm

**£8, booking essential**

Between 1828 and 1866, Nottinghamshire coroner Christopher Swann

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conducted around 4,500 inquests in public houses in the county, from the mundane (drownings) to the bizarre (death by oxtail soup). This writing workshop uses documents held at Nottinghamshire Archives to inspire stories about sudden death in the nineteenth century. You could write about the events leading up to tragedies, the effects on friends, relations and onlookers, or the hullabaloo of the inquest itself. A series of simple writing exercises will help you use Nottinghamshire's gory history to generate ideas for and then write (serious or comic) stories.

## Space Hire

Looking for a great space to hold a meeting or event in an inspiring setting? Nottinghamshire Archives has contemporary rooms to hire, with free Wi-Fi and refreshment making facilities. For details and rates, visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives)

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## Tours:

### Archives Tours

Thursday 16 July, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 28 July, 10.30 – 11.30am

Thursday 17 September, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Thursday 15 October, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 27 October, 10.30 – 11.30am

**£4, booking essential**

See behind the scenes of the newly-refurbished Nottinghamshire Archives, with visits to our strong rooms, search room and conservation unit. See a selection of documents and find out how we care for the written heritage of Nottinghamshire!

## Family Fun:

### Activities at the Archives

Friday 14 August, 1– 4pm

**Free, no need to book**

Family activities available at the Archives including designing your own coat of arms, colouring, quill pen writing, historical games and more!

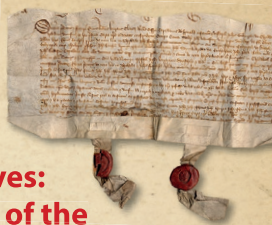
## Open Day:

### Archery and Archives: 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt

Saturday 12 September, 11am – 3pm

**Free, no need to book**

Nottinghamshire Archives will be marking the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt with a free open day including an exploration of archery. Also explore the mediaeval history of the county through displays and tours of Nottinghamshire Archives.



## Talks:

### The Women on the Wall

Wednesday 23 September, 2.30 – 3.30pm

**£4, booking essential**

From women advertising Raleigh bicycles to nurses in uniform, explore the stories of the women who feature on the lockers and wall art of Nottinghamshire Archives' search room.



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPORTS HERITAGE

## 26 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2015

A week-long celebration of our county's sporting past.

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sportsheritage](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sportsheritage)

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## The Diaries of a Georgian Lady

Wednesday 30 September, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
**£4, booking essential**

Gertrude Savile (1697 – 1758) was a Georgian lady who never married. She was the sister of Sir George Savile, seventh baronet and MP, whose principal residence was at Rufford Abbey. Through a series of intimate diaries she records the details of her life in London and Nottinghamshire, referring to the South Sea Bubble, the Beggar's Opera, the difficulty of retaining good servants and the increasingly fraught relationship with her mother. Join us as we explore the life of this fascinating Georgian lady.

## From Poor Relief to Parish Officer: the Lives of Ordinary Women in the Archives

Wednesday 7 October, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
**£4, booking essential**

The lives of many women are represented in the archives through records of poor relief, workhouses and charity. But there are also stories of education, apprenticeship and women who became parish officers. This talk will explore their stories using a range of documents.

## Votes for Women! Nottinghamshire Suffragists and Suffragettes

Wednesday 14 October, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
**£4, booking essential**

Dr Rowena Edlin-White will explore the different approaches to the campaign in Nottinghamshire using a selection of local archives including the papers of Helen Watts and the Dowson family.

## The Myth of Ada Lovelace

Wednesday 21 October, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
**£4, booking essential**

This remarkable illustrated talk about Byron's only legitimate child is back by popular demand!



## Every Picture Tells a Story

Wednesday 28 October, 12.30 – 3.30pm  
**Free, no need to book**

Join in the world's biggest drawing festival, The Big Draw, at this fun family workshop. No prior drawing experience required.

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