



2017 Talks, Events and Gallery Programme

Bromley House Library has operated continuously as an independent subscription library since 1816, first in Carlton Street and then from 1822 in Bromley House. After a year of celebrations in 2016 we continue into 2017 with another programme of talks, events and gallery exhibitions so that as many people as possible can enjoy our beautiful building and thriving literary community in the heart of Nottingham. The programme is subject to change and talks may be added throughout the year so keep an eye on our website, social media, and local media for further news about our ambitious programme in collaboration with many city partners.

Most of our events are open to visitors and if you want to see even more of the library we run guided tours every Wednesday at 2.30pm. We make a small charge of £2 for adults (children are free) and booking is essential. Watch out for news of our 'Library Glimpses' to be introduced in the New Year. We also welcome new members – please get in touch if you are interested in joining.

For further information contact 0115 9473134, enquiries@bromleyhouse.org, or just pop in.

Events will be listed at

www.bromleyhouse.org www.facebook.com/BromleyHouse/
 [@BromleyHouseLib](https://twitter.com/BromleyHouseLib)  www.experiencenottinghamshire.com
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whats-on-in-nottingham/>

Bromley House Library is housed in a Grade II* listed building. The library is on the first floor and above, and we regret that we are currently unable to offer access for wheelchair users or visitors who have difficulty climbing stairs.

Come along and enjoy our exciting programme

Booking for the talks between January to March from
Tuesday 16th December

The Russian Revolutions: a hundred years ago

Dr Sarah Badcock

Wednesday 25th January 3.00pm

SOLD OUT

The Transformation of St. Pancras

Nigel Lowey

Saturday 11th February 10.30am

SOLD OUT

Stanley Baldwin 1867 – 1947

Professor Stuart Ball

Wednesday 15th February 3.00pm

Presented by The Historical Association
Free. Booking essential

Egyptomania: The West's enduring fascination with Ancient Egypt

Frances Potts

Wednesday 22nd February 2.00pm

The influence of the Ancient Egyptians can be seen throughout Europe. Their architecture has influenced our buildings, our museums are full of their statues,

and there have been endless books, films, and television shows about this mysterious civilisation. This talk will examine how the craze for all things Egyptian has influenced us and why Ancient Egypt has held a place in Western imaginations for over 2000 years, from Alexander the Great to a West Kensington branch of Homebase.

£3 Bromley House Library members £4 Visitors.
Booking essential

One flew over the Magpies Nest – Notts County Football Club

Paul Mace in conversation with Colin Slater

Saturday 25th February 10.30am

Notts County is a club rich in history but short on the printed word. Lifelong fan Paul Mace talks to Colin Slater about his book which takes the reader behind-the-scenes at Meadow Lane on a journey spanning four divisions and six decades since 1967.

Paul has enjoyed a professional career in international sport and football at the highest level. A former journalist and broadcaster he spent 14 years at Leicester City rising to become Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director. Paul went on to found Macesport in 2005 and establish it as a multi award winning sports communications and marketing consultancy business.

£5 Bromley House Library members £6 Visitors.
Booking essential

The Lord of Milan

Robert Nieri

Tuesday 28th February 2.00pm

From Victorian lace warehouse assistant to the founder of Milan Foot-Ball & Cricket Club. Herbert Kilpin came a long way from his humble roots in Nottingham. Regarded by many as the father of Italian football, to

the fans of his club he is known, simply, as The Lord of Milan.

Robert Nieri has been writing The Lord of Milan for the last 9 years, much of it at Bromley House Library, while juggling family and work responsibilities. His aims have been simple: to bring Kilpin and his achievements to prominence in his home city and to retire to a Tuscan villa (with pool). So far, one of those aims looks as though it may be fulfilled...

www.lordofmilan.com

£3 Bromley House Library members £4 Visitors.
Booking essential

Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain

Julian Glover

Wednesday 8th March 2.00pm

Julian has written an enthralling biography of the shepherd boy who changed the world with his revolutionary engineering and whose genius we still benefit from today.

Julian Glover is a journalist, speechwriter and special adviser. Previously a columnist for the Guardian, in 2011 he was appointed chief speechwriter to David Cameron before in 2012 being made special adviser in the UK Department for Transport. He is married to The Times columnist and former Conservative MP Matthew Parris.

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Booking essential

The Sherwood Foresters role in the Dublin Easter uprising in 1916

John McGuiggan

Saturday 11th March 10.30am

Following the Dublin Rising of 1916 fourteen of the rebel Irish leaders were executed in Dublin by firing squad. (Two others were executed elsewhere). Most of the firing parties were made up of soldiers belonging to the Sherwood Forester's regiment.

John McGuiggan is an Englishman, from Nottingham, practising at the Irish Bar. He was educated at University College Cork and Ruskin College Oxford and was formally a Trade Union Organiser working in Nottingham for NUPE and for Unison.

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Booking essential

Workshop: Find out about... Historical Maps in Nottinghamshire

Leaders: Hilary Waring and Philip E. Jones

Tuesday 14th March 10.30am – 12.30pm

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Dublin Easter Rising and Home Rule

Patrick Murphy

Wednesday 22nd March 3.00pm

Presented by The Historical Association
Free. Booking essential

Workshop: Find out about...Trade Directories in Nottinghamshire

Leaders: Hilary Waring and Philip E. Jones

Tuesday 28th March 10.30am – 12.30pm

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Murder, Serial Murder and True Crime

Professor David Wilson

Saturday 1st April 10.30am

David Wilson is Professor of Criminology and a Founding Director of the Centre of Applied Criminology at Birmingham City University. He has a background as a prison governor and was for some years Vice Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Professor Wilson's specific area of research interest is serial, violent offenders, especially serial murder. This interest is reflected in his many publications, books and media work. He is currently researching "family annihilators" and British "hitmen".

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Booking essential

The expansion of the universe: a simple mathematical model

Tahir Ahmed

Wednesday 5th April 2.00pm

The Universe is 13.7 billion years old, is full of countless numbers of galaxies all receding away from us at phenomenal speeds, and contains exotic objects like black holes and dark matter, all powered by an invisible energy.

Using simple (non-relativistic) mathematics, the talk will provide a description of the physics underlying the Universe's expansion, showing the key events in its history.

Currently studying for a degree in Astrophysics, Tahir has given many talks and evening classes in astronomy to the public.

£3 Bromley House Library members £4 Visitors.
Booking essential

Opening the book on.... T.E. Lawrence

Roger Allton

Monday 10th April 2.00pm

In the third of our occasional series on the Bromley House Library collections.

Referring to books in our collection Roger will focus primarily on T. E. Lawrence's life, with little detail of his Lawrence of Arabia activity, other than to show his development as a diplomat and society/celebrity figure. He will also introduce other writers' comment on T. E. Lawrence, and his relationship with Clare Sidney Smith.

Free talk open to members and their guests. Booking essential

John Harvey and Blue Murder – Poetry, Jazz and the Crime Connection

Wednesday 12th April 6.30pm – 8.30pm

A spring evening of poetry, jazz, crime and wine at the best venue in town. John Harvey, creator of Nottingham's jazz loving detective Charlie Resnick, is joined by Ian Hill (saxophones) and Geoff Pearson (double bass) for an inspired collaboration of poetry and live music.

£15 to include a glass of wine. Open to Bromley House Library members and guests. 2 tickets per membership. Booking essential

The Extraordinary Case of Dorothy L Sayers

Revd Dr Jeanette Sears

Wednesday 26th April 2.00pm

A celebration of the life and work of Sayers for the 60th anniversary of her death in 1957 by Revd Dr Jeanette Sears. Jeanette has a PhD from Manchester, was a Fellow at Harvard, a curate in Oxford, and has written two murder mysteries - one based in Oxford, the other in Bromley House Library! See www.jeanettesears.com

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Booking essential

Ottoline, Lawrence and Russell

Tony Simpson

Wednesday 10th May 2.00pm

Tony is editor of The Spokesman journal and a director of The Russell Press.

During the early months of the First World War, Ottoline Morrell was reminded of her Nottinghamshire childhood at Welbeck Abbey by D H Lawrence's writings. She introduced Lawrence to her lover Bertrand Russell and they initially got on famously. Thereafter, they found their paths diverged, gradually discovering that they 'differed from each other more than either differed from the Kaiser,' in Russell's words.

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Booking essential

Four forgotten bestselling Nottingham Authors

Rowena Edlin-White

Wednesday 21st June 2.00pm

Rowena Edlin-White is an author and researcher specialising in women's and local history. The authors she will discuss are: Muriel Hine, John Collis Snaith, Cecil Roberts and Dorothy Whipple.

£3 Bromley House Library members £4 Visitors.
Booking essential

Booking for the talks between July and September from Tuesday 16th May

Medical History: focussing on Nottinghamshire and its practitioners, c.1500-c.1750

Dr Peter Elmer

Saturday 1st July 10.30am

Dr Elmer has a lifetime interest in medical history and is currently working on a Wellcome-Trust funded research project at the Centre for Medical History at Exeter University to create a database of medical practitioners in early modern England.

£5 Bromley House Library members £6 Visitors.
Booking essential

R.I.P The local rag

Barrie Williams

Wednesday 6th September 2.00pm

Barrie was Editor and Editorial Director of the Nottingham Evening Post from 1981 to 1995. When he left the city to edit the Western Morning News he was made a Citizen of Honour by Nottingham City Council.

When Barrie quit journalism in 2005 it brought to an end a successful career spanning 43 years which included a total of 30 years as the Editor of three regional daily newspapers. He has since written five books, including his autobiography Ink in the Blood.

£3 Bromley House Library members £4 Visitors.
Booking essential

Booking for the talks between October to December from Tuesday 16th August

Pevsner Guides and the new/revised guides for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

Simon Bradley

Saturday 21st October 10.30am

Simon Bradley is Editor, Pevsner Architectural Guides at Yale University Press. Simon gave a talk on the Pevsner guides in the 1990s at Bromley House Library but there have been many changes since then so he will now present an updated and visually enhanced account of the series and its development (including the new volumes for Nottingham and for Derbyshire, and the currently progressing revision of Nottinghamshire).

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Booking essential

The author who invented a library

Peter Wynne-Thomas

Wednesday 25th October 2.00pm

Peter knows more about the story of Trent Bridge and its place in cricket's heritage than most. He is the author of a half century of books, and curates Trent Bridge's unique library.

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Booking essential

Garnet, Equivocation and the Gunpowder Plot

William Ruff

Saturday 4th November 10.30am

Father Henry Garnet was the Jesuit priest who was the last man to be executed for his part in the Gunpowder Plot and who became notorious for his doctrine of 'equivocation'. His story is also interesting from a local point of view as he was born in Heanor and for some time attended Nottingham High School where his father Brian was Headmaster.

William Ruff retired from being Head of English at Nottingham High School in July 2014 and has been the classical music critic of the Nottingham Post for the past 25 years.

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Booking essential

Historic Gardens of Nottinghamshire – Revisited

Philip Jones

Saturday 2nd December 10.30 am

In this talk, local and garden historian Philip Jones will revisit some of Nottinghamshire's historic listed gardens, including Holme Pierrepont, Flintham, Newstead Abbey, Clumber and Welbeck.

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Booking essential



January 14th – February 25th

Kate Genever: 'Slowly i find my way in (Part 2)'.

Drawings.

Artist's talk / guided tour: Wednesday 8th February
2.00pm

Free. Open to members and visitors. Booking
essential

March 4th – April 26th

Paul Harraway: 'Towards a State of Nature'.

Drawings, paintings, monoprints and digital
images.

Artist's talk / guided tour: Wednesday 29th April
2.00pm

Free. Open to members and visitors. Booking
essential

May 2nd – June 29th

Socket: 'Off the Shelf'.

Group exhibition

July – August

Rimas Vainorius and the Studio House Project

September – October

Nottingham Trent University student curators

November – December

Members' Christmas Exhibition

