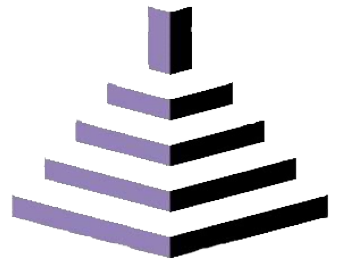




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Welcome to the latest the Newsletter for the **Friends of Collingham History Centre** - our **no commitment, no cost** mailing to people who are interested in local history and related news and information on Collingham and our nearby villages. If this has been passed on to you, please see the final page to see how you can get onto or release yourself from our mailing list.

Please forward a copy to anyone that you think may be interested so that they have the choice to receive future copies.

Maintaining and Developing the Society for Today and the Future.

Firstly

Don't get confused, some people think t
organisations such as the County or District Councils. Although we may receive occasional small grants from the above or elsewhere for specific purposes, our existence depends upon our membership fees and non-members attending our talks. Also, the dedication of a small group of unpaid volunteers, most of who
Saturdays and other events.

Secondly

We have some 5,000 items in our Archive. All of which have been donated. Some of which we have used our funds to repair and conserve for long term community benefit.

So

Think about making donations whether cash or time (even a regular couple of hours per week) or put the a s e r e g u l a r '

Also, do you have any items that may be of interest to the community or future generations. We are not asking to keep your potential family heirlooms (such as house deeds, photographs, historical personal records, family stories, old business accounts etc) we can scan and return documents and photograph other items.

We have a Society and the History Centre that are the envy of most other, especially rural, communities. Help us to keep ahead and to preserve our present and past for future generations.

Contact hcfriendseditor@gmail.com or any member of our team. You can also drop into the History Centre on a Second Saturday, or when you see the door open.

Our Next Events

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm.

**'Grave Robbers and Bo
19th Century Lincolnshire**

A talk by Elaine Johnson

*Body snatching increased medical knowledge but fell foul of public opinion.
What happened in 19th century Lincolnshire?*



Collingham Memorial Hall.

Members Free Non-Members £4 Raffle and Refreshments

History Centre –Second Saturday

Saturday 10th October
10.00am to 1.00pm



Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group Logo

Don't , the exhibitions on Second Saturdays are a bonus. The main aim is for you to drop in for a chat, access the archive and perhaps donate an item or two.

This month's exhibition will h
Disney Archaeological Dig. **Richard Parker**, who organised and led the digs, will be there to discuss what they found and their implications.

Irregular 8

The Irregular is named, in part, to highlight that we do not guarantee to publish every year. We will publish when we have enough articles of the right quality and interest. Currently we have some articles, but not enough to ensure that the next issue will be published this year. So, if you have an idea that you wish to explore for publication or something that you have partially prepared please contact jeremylodge@yahoo.co.uk. If needed, we can help you create something to be proud of and will be preserved for future generations.

Most of the content in past issues has been created by people who have not previously written for public consumption. And as you saw in a previous edition of this newsletter, we were commended whilst just missing out on a national award. So, help us go from strength to strength.

Collingham Gas Light and Coke Company

Do you have any information, photographs or records concerning the Collingham Gas Light and Coke Company? If so please contact Nigel Priestley (nigel.priestley10@gmail.com)
Mob. 07801723468. I am also usually present at our events.



OCTOBER VISITING DAY:
Saturday 3rd October. 10am - 3pm

Please see information for planning your visit further down this post.

Blue Badge visitors are most welcome on any visiting day but we will be doing another Blue Badge only day very soon as well when our brilliant wheelchair adapted buggy will be conveying our visitors from the carpark. The date for this will be posted over the weekend.

INFORMATION FOR PLANNING YOUR VISIT

A few things to remember are:

- * There is no entry fee but donations are gratefully received.
- * You do not need to book for these dates you can just turn up within the opening times
- * The car park area is temporary while we wait for planning permission for formal parking.
- * There aren't any toilets or refreshment
- * The site is on working farm land & there is a NO DOGS policy. The only exception are assistance dogs with their identification on display.
- * The entrance to the parking area & access to visit the site is from FOLLY LANE. LN6 9JL.
- * The Gates will open at 10am & will close at 3pm. Last entry is at 2.55pm

NEXT BLUE BADGE VISITING DAY IS
Wednesday 7th October 2026

This day is for Blue Badge holders & their helpers only. If you would like to attend please email us to book in: bombercountytrust@gmail.com

We will email you a visiting time approx 48hrs beforehand. Please note that to visit on the 7th October it is pre book only, we will not be able to accommodate anyone who just turns up on the day.

All Blue Badge visitors are taken from the carpark to the bomber in a specially adapted buggy which has ramp access & can accommodate a wheelchair. We allocate time slots to avoid unnecessary waiting.

Further details regarding your Blue Badge day visit will be sent when your booking request is received.

Langford 27?*

*This is a Working Title



We are considering a wide-ranging exploration of the history of **Langford village** to potentially culminate with an event over the weekend of **August 14th and 15th 2027**. A key aim is to support the St Bartholomew's church history of this village both that which was deserted in the 16th century and the village of today.

This will hopefully develop into a major event, supported by our original research. There are so many aspects of the village that could be researched and many ways that our findings can be presented. The event will include at least a (possibly multi-media) exhibition, village walk and presentation.

"And *Irregular* articles? "



We will soon be proposing this to the Langford inhabitants as their support and involvement will be a key to the

More news on this exciting proposal in the next issue.

A Great Talk and Fantastic Resource

The Newark Advertiser.

AND GENERAL DISTRICT REPORTER

MERCANTILE AND AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE FOR MIDLAND COUNTIES.

Following our excellent September talk given by Joanna Parlby on the Newark Advertiser, we realise just what a huge resource the archives of this paper are. One member for example mentioned that he has paid for access regarding the history of his listed house.

You can access the archives of the *Newark Advertiser* through both digital and physical methods.

1. In Person (Free Local Library Access)

- Newark Library: You can access complete physical files of the *Newark Advertiser* from 1855 to 2018 on microfilm at [Local Heritage at Newark Library](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/local-studies/local-heritage-newark-library/) (<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/local-studies/local-heritage-newark-library/>). They also maintain a card index covering the 1850s to roughly 1980 to help you search for topics.
- Free Digital Access via Libraries: By using the public computers inside any Nottinghamshire Inspire Library or at the Nottinghamshire Archives, you can access the British Newspaper Archive for free, which includes digitised versions of the paper.

2. Online Digital Archives (Paid Subscriptions)

- The British Newspaper Archive & Findmypast: The *Newark Advertiser* has been digitised spanning issues from 1859 to 1999. You can search and view these pages online via the [British Newspaper Archive](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.com/newspapers/england/newark-advertiser) <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.com/newspapers/england/newark-advertiser> or [Findmypast](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/newspapers/england/newark-advertiser) <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/newspapers/england/newark-advertiser> if you have a paid home subscription.
- Newark Advertiser Website: For modern articles, recent e-editions, and specialized photo archives, you can purchase a digital subscription directly on the official [Newark Advertiser](https://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/faq/) Website <https://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/faq/>

Book on Collingham Reviewed by the Thoroton Society

<http://www.thorotonsociety.org.uk/publications/reviews/bookreviews80.htm>

Collingham and East of the Trent : Angles - Vikings - 1066

By Jeremy Lodge

ISBN; 978-0-9956634-42

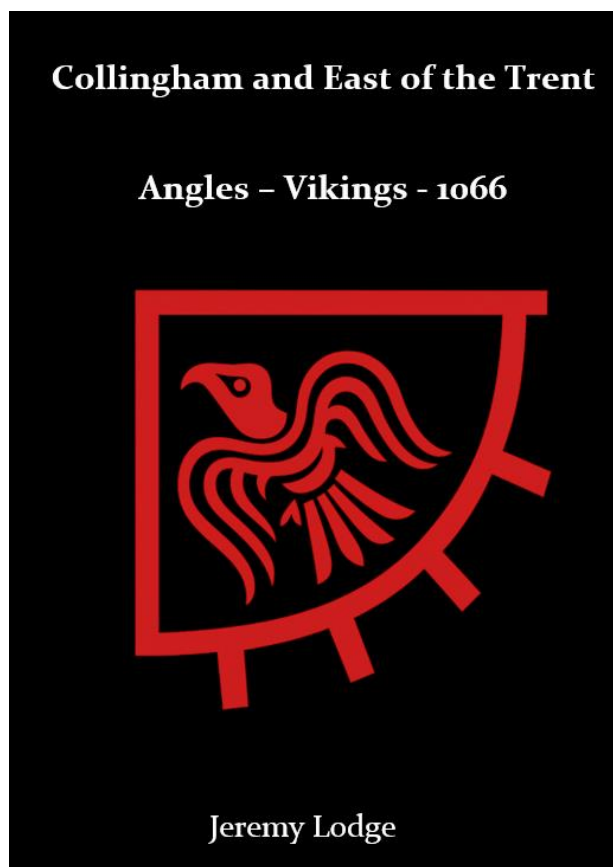
Available from: The Book Case, Lowdham, Five Leaves Bookshop, Nottingham, One More Chapter Shop, Radcliffe on Trent, Gascoignes Post Office, Collingham.

Printed by Adlards of Ruddington.

This well researched book engages the reader by drawing on the land and its people. Jeremy's writing shows us that the area between Newark upon Trent and Lincoln, with its great routeways, the River Trent, the Fosse Way and Ermine Street has played a very important part in the region's history.

The book's broad chronology of the age brings the history of the area alive and highlights how invasions, struggles, and settlement from 450AD are so important in understanding the history of the area. From reviewing aspects of Roman Britain to the arrival of the Anglo Saxons, Vikings, Jutes and Frisians, and the turbulent times through maps and photographs as well as a well written text, he provides a thoroughly researched and outstanding history.

Paul Baker



One Good Deed or More

Another sign of our incredible Halifax Building Society are closing their massive Deeds Store and are sending old deeds back to the mortgage holders. Many Banks and Solicitors are doing the same. They have no legal value and are often only seen as a curiosity... However, they can hold important information for Local and Family History Research. **If you plan to bin them** bring them down to the History Centre. **If you plan to keep them** bring them down to the History Centre for us to scan and return safely to you.

Skip Diving

Some time ago walking past a skip outside the house of a friend who had died, I espied an open biscuit box full of post cards. Those that were postmarked were all from the early 1900s. There were a few (out of 60 or so) of Collingham and Nottingham. Here are some historical insights from others that you may find interesting.

A card stamped Edinburgh, 11am on Thursday 25th August 1928 notifying the recipient that the sender would arrive in Stafford at 8 0' clock on 7th November 1908 inviting the recipients to a birthday party on the following day! Then more importantly, the following postcard stamped at 10.15pm on 17th January 1906.

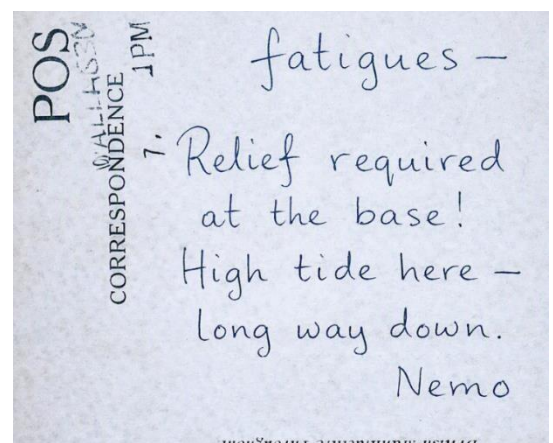


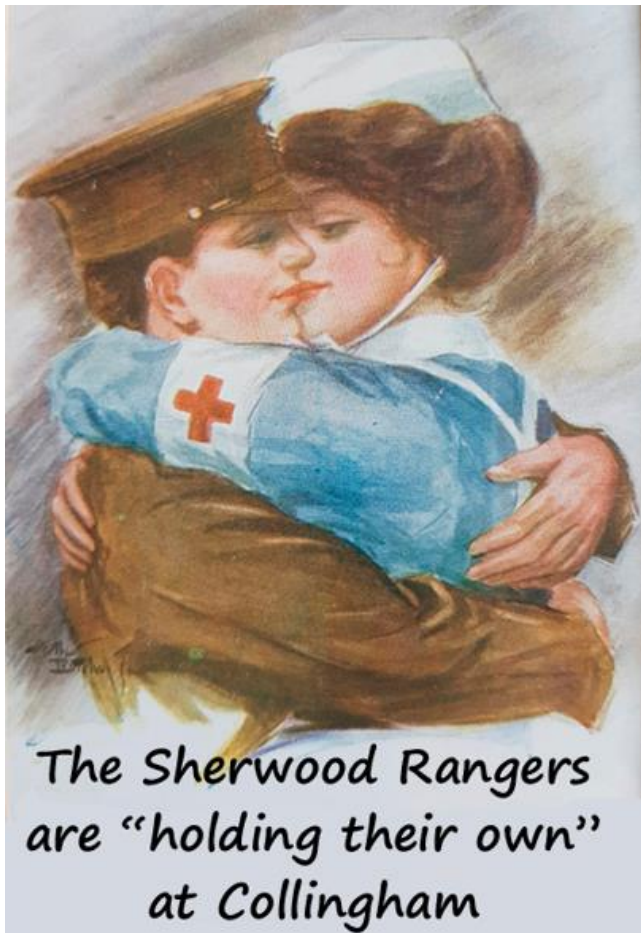
My haven't (we) It must have been nice to have a fast and reliable post!

Trouble at Mill in 1919?

A curious message which the recipient would obviously have been able to decode.

The faint pencil handwriting on the original has been enhanced using AI to form this image.





You may recall some of the postcards that we featured in the Social Exhibition and the accompanying *Irregulars 2 & 3*, in 2018.

Note the original text said Sheringham, not Collingham.

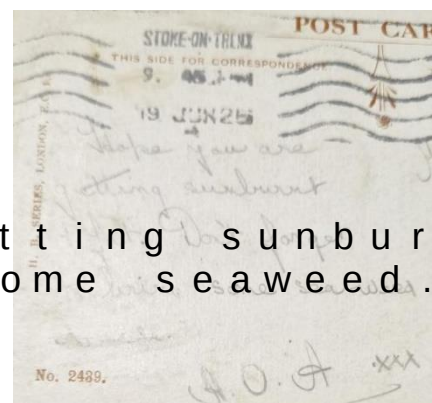
Such innuendo double suggestive messages probably reached its peak in the 1950s as a way of fooling the censors and the prudish. Many of us will recall that this lasted well into the 1970s and 80s, especially on radio and TV.

Amongst the pre WW1 cards in the box was a foldout booklet of images from Colwyn Bay (below). Can you imagine the response to such promotional material today!





And another indication of social attitudes, the message from June 1925 ('Hope you are getting sunburnt and Don't forget to) is interesting and some seaweed. with today's worrying, it was used to the seaweed was for the garden.





Finally, from a postcard stamped June 1925, a warning on how we need to be clear and precise when instructing AI today.

So, just because d
and District' on the
the contents do not have some value to us—in
this case highlighting culture and attitudes of
that time. Also, if we receive donations that do
not fit into our collection at the History Centre
we will forward them to other archives or
museums where they have more immediate
relevance.

JL.

History of Tommorrow

A series of photographs on facebook from 'Newark Guide

One day, the photographs we take of Newark today will be viewed with the same fascination. Future generations will smile at our clothes, our cars and perhaps even wonder why we all spent so much time staring at our phones. '

Either 'Ctrl + * *) e.g. ~~below or but and paste into your address bar then click on the image that says~~

Late 1800's to early 1900's everyday life - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18yNSiHMfP/>

Old Shop Fronts - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FFRZoK2x9/>

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CODDINGTON HISTORY GROUP

Treasure in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire



By Meghan King

**Coddington Village Hall
Thursday 15th October 2026 7:30pm**

**Entry Members Free, Non-Members £3,
includes refreshments**



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Autumn Forum Saturday October 24th 2026 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Ravenshead Village Hall
11 Vernon Crescent
Ravenshead. NG15 9BP**

Programme:

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Welcome

10.15am Dave Mooney: Nottingham's Drury Hill castle

11.30am James Wright: The Buildings Archaeologist.

12.30pm Lunch & Book Stalls

1.30pm Mark Dawson: 'Robin Pudds', Notts dessert

2.45pm David Barton: William Cavendish of Welbeck and Bolsover - the first Duke of Newcastle.

4.00pm Close

Non-members £10.00

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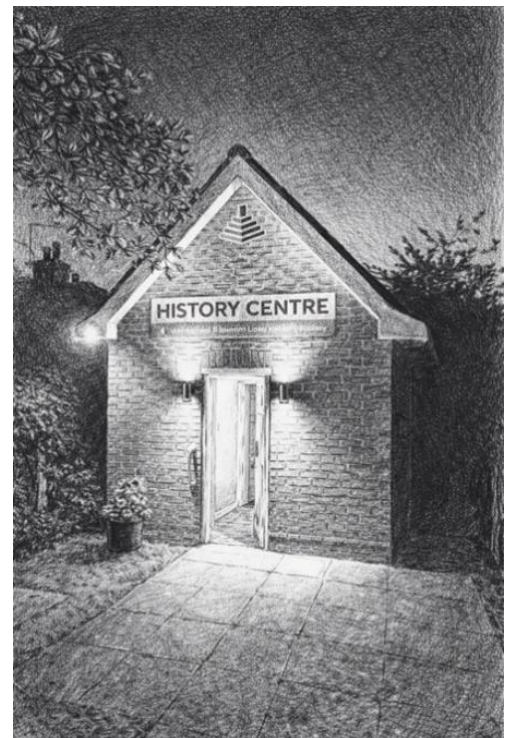
**Perhaps consider becoming a Member of the Society
and/or making relevant donations?**

Please encourage people to join our mailing list!!

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