

**Saturday Local History Seminars
Spring Term, 2012**

14th January
Elain Harwood

Researching Nottinghamshire's architectural history

Elain Harwood will talk about her research on the Pevsner City Guide to Nottingham and subsequent work in the county, ranging from nineteenth-century schools to art deco cinemas, with illustrations from local archives and of the buildings as they survive today. Though specialising in post-war buildings, these projects made her look more widely at architecture of all periods, which was a real challenge.



Elain Harwood is a historian with English Heritage, currently writing *Space, Hope and Brutalism*, a survey of English architecture 1945–75 and *Chamberlin Powell and Bon*, published in November 2011.

11 February
Ben Cowell

Going Local with the National Trust

Ben Cowell will explore some of the latest developments in the evolution of the National Trust, the country's largest conservation charity. A new strategic ambition to 'go local' has coincided with the Trust taking a high-profile public stance in opposition to plans for reforming planning laws in England, which themselves imply a far greater reliance on local decision-making. For the Trust, honouring local imperatives while at the same time promoting the national 'cause' of protecting natural and cultural heritage for the benefit of everyone remains a balancing act, as will be illustrated through a variety of case studies and examples.

After completing a PhD in history and geography at the University of Nottingham, Ben is now Acting Director, External Affairs for the National Trust.

10 March
Stephen Mileson
**The South Oxfordshire Project: Perceptions of Landscape,
Settlement and Society, c.500-1650**

This seminar will introduce an ambitious new research project on the south Oxfordshire Vale and the Chilterns covering the early middle ages to the seventeenth century. The first part will be about reconstructing landscapes – the historical and archaeological methods and approaches used to understand the development of an important and well-documented region. In the second part, 'perceptions of landscape', Stephen will focus on the project's attempt to understand how inhabitants shaped their social world in relation to the places in which they lived. Much has been said about perceptions, but this is the first study to attempt to develop a methodology to tackle the subject in regional landscape history.

Stephen works for the VCH and is editor of the journal *Oxoniensia*. His main research interests are in medieval social and landscape history, and he is also the author of *Parks in Medieval England*.

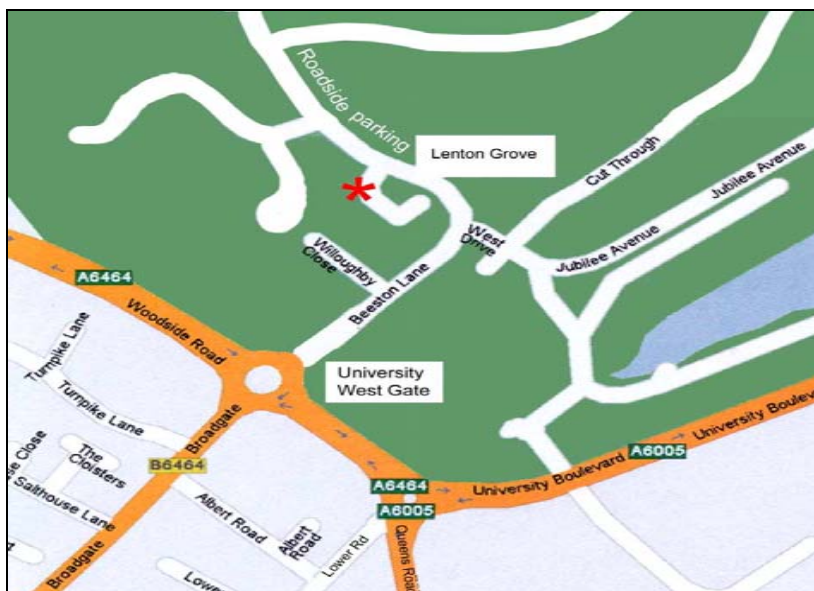


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The Local History Seminars are organised by the University of Nottingham's Department of History and are held on the second Saturday of the month at Lenton Grove – where the Department of History is based. They are open to everyone with an interest in local and regional history. Booking is not necessary and the entry fee covers the cost of attending the seminar together with coffee and biscuits in the interval. The seminars start at 10.00am prompt.

Lenton Grove is most easily accessed via the West Gate on the main campus and is marked on the map below. There is limited parking outside the History Department and roadside parking approximately 100m beyond Lenton Grove, just past the new School of Humanities building.

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Admission: £5 each session
(including coffee & biscuits in the interval)

10.00am – 12.30pm. All Welcome