



JANUARY -  
SEPTEMBER  
2018

# WHAT'S ON

AT BROMLEY HOUSE LIBRARY

Jan - Sep 2018

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**Booking is essential for all talks**

## **The Lollards**

Dr Rob Lutton  
(Nottingham University)

**Wednesday 17th January**  
**3.00pm – 4.30pm**

*Presented by The Historical Association*

Free event for Bromley House Library and Historical Association members only. Booking essential.

## **Roman Urbanisation in Britain**

Dr Lacey Wallace  
(Lincoln University)

**Wednesday 21st February**  
**3.00pm – 4.30pm**

*Presented by The Historical Association*

Free event for Bromley House Library and Historical Association members only. Booking essential.

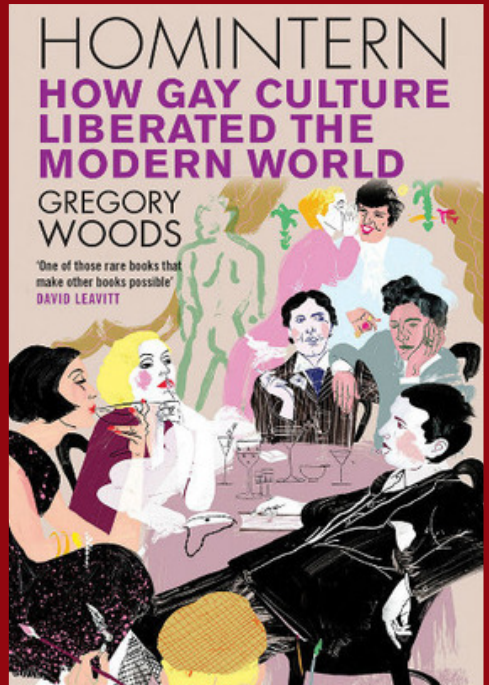
## **Homintern: Homosexual Internationalism and Modern Culture**

Gregory Woods

**Saturday 10th February**  
**10.30am – 11.45am**

From the trials of Oscar Wilde to the gay liberation era of the 1970s, homosexuality helped to shape Western culture. Gregory Woods explores the huge impact that gay men and lesbians, in their friendships and cultural collaborations, had on modern society. Called "the Homintern" by both their celebrators and detractors, these networks of influence became one of the measures of modernity itself.

Tickets: £5 for Bromley House Library members / £6 for visitors





## A Cartoon History of Here with Ian McMillan and Tony Husband

*World-class – one of today's greatest  
poetry performers' -Carol Ann Duffy*

*'Tony Husband is even funnier than  
me' - Griff Rhys Jones*

**Wednesday 28th February  
7.00 pm – 8.30 pm**

Comedy, cartoonery, poetry &  
improv! Created by tonight's  
audience with Yorkshire poet,  
broadcaster & comedian Ian McMillan  
and Cartoonist of the Year Tony  
Husband.

A fast-flowing, rapid-rafting adventure  
in which two top funny men reflect  
upon local stories and legends. Don't  
miss what's set to be a fabulous  
evening of comedy, cartoonery and  
poetry.

Ian McMillan is poet-in-residence for  
The Academy of Urbanism and  
Barnsley FC. He presents The Verb  
every week on BBC R3 and he is a  
regular on BBC Breakfast, Coast, Pick  
of the Week, You & Yours, Last Word  
and The Arts Show. Tony Husband is  
Cartoonist in Residence at The Lowry  
and 'legendary Private Eye cartoonist'

Open to members and visitors. Tickets  
£12.50 to include a free drink on  
arrival.



## **Nottingham Roosevelt Scholarship Lecture**

Gareth Morgan

**Wednesday 7th March  
2pm – 3pm**

Gareth went from coast to coast across America to find out what we can do differently in getting primary school children engaged in literacy. He'll talk about his trip, what he learned and what he'll try and do with it all.

Free event. Booking essential.

## **The Silk Road**

Susan Slater

**Wednesday 14th March  
3.00pm – 4.30pm**

*Presented by The Historical Association*

Free event for Bromley House Library and Historical Association members only. Booking essential.

**Workshop: Find out about...  
Local buildings using the  
resources at Bromley House**  
Hilary Waring and Philip E.  
Jones

**Tuesday 20th March  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

## **Using and Abusing Antiquity**

Frances Potts

**Saturday 24th March  
10.30am – 11.45am**

The ancient world is all around us, although mostly we don't know it.

The ancient civilisations of Rome, Greece, and the Middle East have been used since the Renaissance to change the world we live in, sparking two revolutions, an architectural movement, and hundreds of films.

This talk will look at how the ancient world has been used and abused by the modern world in art, architecture, films, and music, from George Washington to Saddam Hussain, from Verdi's *Nabucco* to Kubrick's *Spartacus*.

Tickets £5 for Bromley House Library members / £6 for visitors

A workshop to help you discover more about the history of Nottinghamshire buildings. Case studies will include a country house, a hotel and a shop.

This workshop is limited to 12 people. £3.00 per place, booking essential. Open to members and their guests (max of 2 tickets per membership).

## **Booking for talks April - September is from Tuesday 13th February 2018**

### **— NEWLY ADDED —**

#### **‘Muzungu! A British volunteer in Uganda’**

Calum Rae

**Saturday 14th April  
10.30am - 11.30am**

Calum is a 24 year old aspiring conservationist. Born and raised in the midlands, namely Leicestershire, Calum studied and completed a music degree at Manchester Metropolitan University, before changing tack towards a career involving environmental protection. He has undertaken conservation volunteering work in the UK, Peru, and Uganda in the aim of both developing his experience and supporting good causes.

Calum’s most recent trip was to Uganda, in order to undertake a voluntary role with the Queen Elizabeth Parks Project.



This talk will describe Calum’s tasks, challenges and experiences, during the months he spent immersed in Uganda’s rich culture, the interesting people he met, and the incredible sights to which he bore witness.

Open to members and visitors.  
Free event.

**Please note that the John Harvey and Tahir Ahmed events due to  
take place in April have been cancelled due to circumstances  
outside of our control.**

# Dial-a-Poem: Literature and the Telephone

Sarah Jackson

**Saturday 19th May**  
**10.30am – 11.45am**

Sarah Jackson is an award-winning writer and Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University. Sarah's publications include *Tactile Poetics* (2015) and *Pelt* (2012), which was awarded the Seamus Heaney Prize and longlisted for the Guardian First Book Award.

An BBC / AHRC New Generation Thinker, she is currently exploring the relationship between the telephone and literature and she has recently edited *Ten Poems on the Telephone*, published by Candlestick Press (2017).

She will be discussing the relationship between literature and calling, including John Giorno's celebrated 'Dial-a-Poem' service established in 1969 after a phone call between Giorno and William Burroughs.

Tickets £5 for Bromley House Library members / £6 for visitors



## **The Camera Obscura**

Roger Smith Dip. Eng. CPhys.  
FRSA. Churchill Fellow

**Saturday 23rd June**

**10.30am – 11.45am**

*My first taste of photography was at the RAE Farnborough where as a junior researcher I had the responsibility for a darkroom, developing 35mm film and making prints. Later, after a career taking in electronic engineering at Marconi's and then science and technology in education, I completed a Restoration Studies course in retirement specialising in scientific instruments. This included a period as an intern at The Museum of History of Science, Oxford University where I produced a reproduction of an early 19th Century camera obscura in 2002. Since then I've made camera obscuras for The National Trust, The Bodleian Library and exhibited at Lacock Abbey the birthplace of photography.*

There will be an illustrated talk demonstration and chance to get a closer look at the camera.

[www.camera-obscura.org.uk](http://www.camera-obscura.org.uk)

Tickets £5 for Bromley House Library members / £6 for visitors

## **The Vaughan Williams Affair**

Janet Tenant and Keith Alldritt

**Wednesday 27th June**

**2.00pm – 3.00pm**

The composer Vaughan Williams, best known for 'The Lark Ascending', 'Fantasia on a Theme' by Thomas Tallis and nine powerful symphonies, was born in 1872, his second wife Ursula died in 2007. For twenty years, from 1938 until 1958, the lives of these two people, separated in age by two generations, by life experience and from very different backgrounds, came together.

Author Keith Alldritt has written the latest biography of the composer, 'Vaughan Williams, Composer, Radical, Patriot – A Biography'. Janet Tennant recently published 'Mistress and Muse – Ursula, the Second Mrs Vaughan Williams'.

Together Keith and Janet will show how the lives of both Vaughan Williams and Ursula were changed by their affair, how she affected his music and he her poetry and how other relationships affected both their lives.

Tickets £3 for Bromley House Library members / £4 for visitors



## **In Conversation with Nottingham's Young Poet Laureate - Georgina Wilding**

**Wednesday 4th July  
2.00pm - 3.00pm**

Join Georgina Wilding, Nottingham's first Young Poet Laureate, as she talks about her first nine months in the role as ambassador for Nottingham's thriving poetry scene. Georgina will also explain her own creative journey, working as a poet and setting up her independent publishing company, Mud Press, as well as talking about the benefits and challenges of making a living in the creative industries.

Tickets £3 for Bromley House Library members / £4 for visitors



## **The English Civil War in Sherwood Forest**

**James Wright**

**Saturday 8th September  
10.30 am - 11.45 am**

Nottinghamshire holds a unique place in the history of the English Civil War of 1642-46. The county witnessed both the opening moments of the action with the Raising of the Royal Standard at Nottingham and the surrender of Charles I at Kelham. Away from the front, Sherwood Forest offers the

opportunity to view the anxieties, fear and turmoil of ordinary people caught up in the political, religious, economic and social turbulence of the age. James Wright FSA is an archaeologist currently studying for a doctorate at the University of Nottingham. He has conducted fieldwork and research on many Early Modern buildings used during the English Civil War throughout Nottinghamshire and beyond

Tickets £5 for Bromley House Library members / £6 for visitors

# **Treasures of Roman Nottinghamshire**

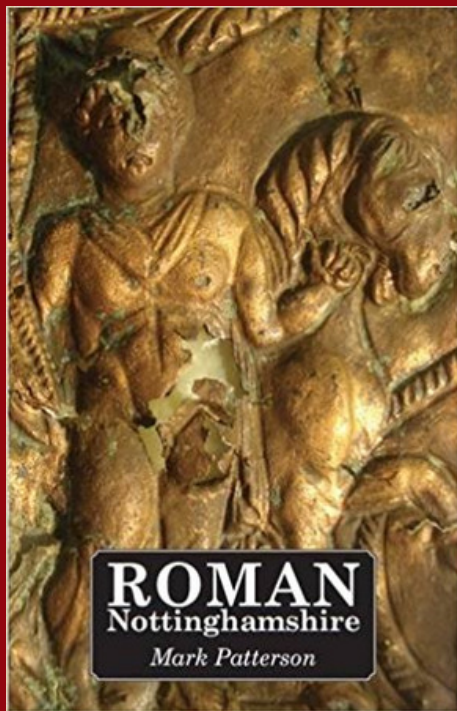
Mark Patterson

**Wednesday 19th September  
2.00pm – 3.00pm**

Although little of the Roman presence in Nottinghamshire remains above ground today the reminders of Roman civilisation are surprisingly abundant. In this illustrated talk Mark Patterson looks at various 'lost' villas, buried forts, hidden roads and some fascinating examples of Roman 'bling.'

Mark Patterson is a trained journalist who has worked in the media for more than 20 years. He is the author of Roman Nottinghamshire and Roman Derbyshire (both published by Five Leaves in Nottingham), Trent Basin: A History and essays found in the anthologies Maps (Five Leaves) and More Raw Material (Lucifer Press)

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Contact the Library to reserve your place:  
Tel: 0115 947 3134  
Email: [enquiries@bromleyhouse.org](mailto:enquiries@bromleyhouse.org)**

*We regret that we are not currently accessible to wheelchair users*

**MORE TALKS TO COME IN 2018... WATCH THIS SPACE...**

# Gallery programme

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## AT A GLANCE

### Main Gallery

#### January – August 2018

##### **Kate Genever – Artist in Residence 2018**

How can you picture a place but never hold it still with an anchor of description? Is the central question for Kate Genever and David Gilbert's residency and also the catalyst for the artworks and texts they will be producing. Kate and David are hoping to involve members, staff and volunteers during their time at Bromley House and look forward to exploring ideas together.

Kate will display her work as it develops during the residency.

#### September – October 2018

##### **Nottingham University Centre for Trauma Resilience and Growth & Jim Grainger**

Veterans' Project. Portrait photography by our 2017 Photographer in Residence, Jim Grainger.

### Garden Wing Gallery

#### January – February 2018

##### **Maggie's Centre Expressive Arts Group**

The group regularly visits to draw and paint in the Library and garden.

#### March – April 2018

##### **Clive Brookes & Andrew Stewart Jamieson**

Clive is a well-known local poet whose works have been illuminated by the heraldic artist, Andrew Stewart Jamieson.

#### May – June 2018

##### **Hazel Bromiley**

Hazel is a member of the Library and the Nottingham Society of Artists.

#### July – August 2018

##### **Rimas Vainorius**

'Food for Thought' – an exhibition of typically idiosyncratic work by the Nottingham-based photographer.

#### September – October 2018

##### **Kate Genever**

Residency work in progress.





Bromley House Library, founded 1816, is a flourishing independent lending library situated in the centre of Nottingham. The Library houses around 47,000 books and has many fine reading rooms spread over three floors of a Grade II\* listed Georgian townhouse. There is also a beautiful walled garden, one of only two in the city centre.

The library is a pleasant place to read, work or socialise, and new members are always welcome. We hold weekly tours for the public. For more information, please visit our website.



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