Lowdham Festivals Winter Weekend

2nd – 4th March 2012

Local Heroes

► An evening with Billy Ivory
► Quiz night
► Robin Hood Storytelling
► Byron Brunch
► Local Artists’ stalls
► Lowdham History walk

...plus talks on Nottingham Lace, Raleigh, Nottinghamshire artists, and local war veterans
Friday 2nd March

Their Names Will Live On
2.00 – 3.30pm Lowdham Methodist Chapel, Main St, Lowdham
Nottingham Evening Post journalist, Andy Smart, has interviewed many war veterans, gathering awe-inspiring stories of bravery and commitment. Illustrated.
One of our First Friday series of talks.
Tickets: £5 full, £4 concessions, £3 Festival Friends (including tea & cake)

Quiz Night – Down Our Way...
7.30 – 9.30pm The Old Ship Inn, Main St, Lowdham
Test your Nottinghamshire knowledge at our quiz night – questions ranging from food, art and books, to local history and characters.
Tickets: £3 each, £10 for team of 4, £15 for team of 6 (includes interval chip butties for a touch of local flavour!)

Saturday 3rd March

But Is It Art?
11am – 12.30pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main St, Lowdham
Bob Sparham, vice-president of the Nottingham Society of Artists, will talk about major figures, past and present from Nottinghamshire's art world, including Harold and Laura Knight, John Arnesby Brown, Arthur Spooner, Edward Seago, and Evelyn Gibbs. Illustrated.
Tickets: £5 full, £4 concessions, £3 Festival Friends

Local History Walk
1.45 – 3.00pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main St, Lowdham
Meet at the Village Hall for this circular walk to learn about Lowdham's colourful past.
Tickets: £3 each

On Your Bike – 125 Years of Raleigh Bicycles – with writer and historian Tony Hadland
3.45 – 5.15pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham
Founded in a Nottingham back-street, and turned into a huge enterprise by a ropemaker's son who became a baronet, Raleigh was once the biggest bicycle company in the world. The firm has also made motorcycles, cars, munitions and gears for bicycles and motorcycles. This talk introduces some of Raleigh's key personalities and products and gives an insight into the massive industrial enterprise that meant so much to the city. We look at Raleigh's triumphs and failures and get a glimpse of what the company is doing today. Illustrated.
Tickets: £5 full, £4 concessions, £3 Festival Friends

Sunday 4th March

Byron and Brunch: Lord Byron – 200 years on
11am – 12noon Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham
Christy Fearn celebrates the 200th anniversary of both Lord Byron's maiden speech in the House of Lords about the Luddites, and the publication of his poem 'Childe Harold's Pilgrimage', accompanied by music, images - and of course brunch available to buy from mm...deli (probably with a more modern twist, as Byron is said to have lived for days on dry biscuits and white wine...)
Tickets: £5 full, £4 concessions, £3 Festival Friends

Lace, Slums and the Occasional Riot – the making of Victorian Nottingham
2.00 – 3.15pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham
Nottingham had it all – the slums of the Narrow Marsh, long destroyed, a thriving lace industry of which now only the buildings remain, and the occasional riot to live things up. Historian Chris Weir guides us through the history that created Victorian Nottingham, and which has a lasting influence on the City of today. Illustrated.
Tickets: £5 full, £4 concessions, £3 Festival Friends

Tales of Robin Hood – with storyteller Amanda Smith
4.30 – 6.15pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham
We finish our weekend with the most legendary of local heroes, Robin Hood. Enjoy a traditional storytelling performance of Robin's bid to outwit the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham – told with humour, energy and a touch of pathos.
Suitable for a family audience, refreshments on sale during the interval
Tickets: £7 full, £5 concessions, £4 Festival Friends

Local artists’ stalls: Nottinghamshire artists will be exhibiting and selling their work on Saturday and Sunday between 10.30am and 4.30pm in the Village Hall. See www.lowdhambookfestival.co.uk for information.