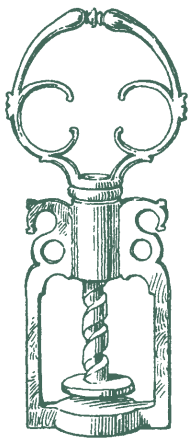




# PILGRIM TRAILS

September 2018

## Visit of the NEW ENGLAND Historic Genealogical Society



Guess what the object is?  
See below for the answer



NEHGS at Scrooby Manor

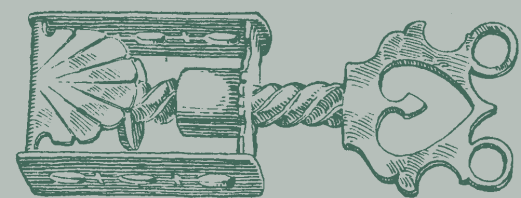
A sunny day in August provided the perfect setting for a visit from **NEHGS** to the **Pilgrim Roots** region. **NEHGS** is the nation's leading comprehensive resource for family history research and the largest Society of its kind in the world. On the tour was the society's President and CEO, **Brenton Simons**, who particularly enjoyed an exclusive visit to **Scrooby Manor**. Historian **Sue Allan** guided the group across the trail, visiting **Scrooby**, **Babworth** and **Austerfield**, and it was at St Helena's Church in Austerfield that Brenton presented Sue with a **gift** and **membership** to NEHGS in recognition of her extensive research into **Pilgrim ancestry**.



## MAYFLOWER 400 - Tours Developed

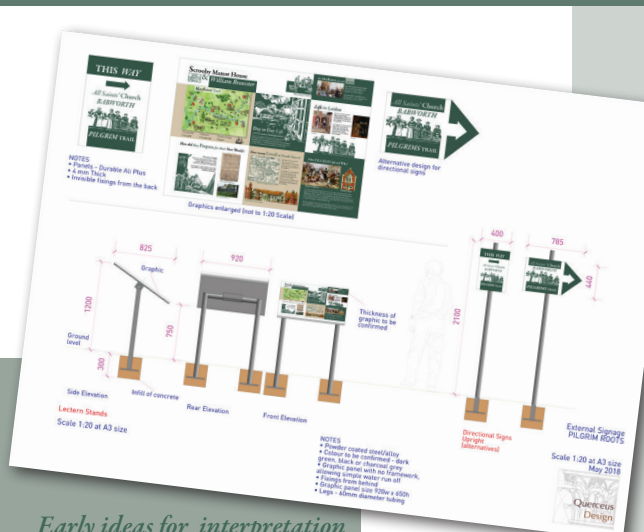


A number of **itineraries** have been **created** to meet the demand of **tour operators**. These have been very well received in the **US market** with an August tour to the Roots area **selling out** in days. There are a **variety of tours** ranging from ten day trips to all **Pilgrim partner destinations** across England, to more niche, special interest **two and three day itineraries**, even **4 hour trips**, created to encourage passengers on **cruise ships** to visit the **Pilgrim sites**.



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## Permissions and advertising consents applied for in preparation for new PILGRIMS TRAIL



Early ideas for interpretation  
on the Pilgrims Trail



Detail from 'Mouseman' furniture found at  
Babworth Church

In August, **Bassetlaw District Council** successfully obtained all necessary **consents** from three different local authorities and the relevant Church departments to erect **new trail boards** across the **Pilgrims Trail**. Although the style of each interpretation board is generally agreed together with the headline content of what each board will tell at the eight sites, the final detail will be decided, subject to **Heritage Lottery decision**, in consultation with partners at each site. After all, each site has a **unique story** to tell at its own location and we want to **work with site owners** to make sure their **sense of pride** is evident in the interpretation panels.



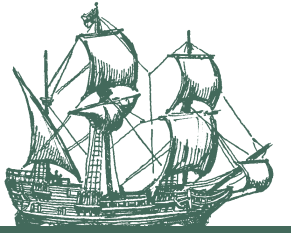
## Welcoming *Provincetown 400*



*Dr David Weidner outside Scrooby Church*

In July, **Bassetlaw District Council** offered a warm welcome to **Dr David Weidner**, Executive Director of the **Pilgrim Monument** in **Provincetown**, Massachusetts and **Curator of Provincetown Museum**. Dr Weidner's primary reason for visiting was to explore educational opportunities between **New England** and **North Nottinghamshire**.

During the visit, Dr Weidner visited **Gringley on the Hill** primary school and **Sturton-le-Steeple's** school. He was also taken on a tour of the **Pilgrim Churches** in Austerfield, Scrooby and Babworth. **Children** from Gringley were able to **ask questions** about the Pilgrim Monument, which is a hugely **popular New England attraction** that helps tell the **story** of the **Pilgrims' arrival** in America. Dr Weidner told the children about the Pilgrim's early relationship with the local **Native Americans**, the **Wampanoag**, and the signing of the '**Mayflower Compact**' – an agreement that helped the Pilgrims' survive, and incorporating principles which later inspired the **American Constitution**. **BBC Radio Nottingham** came along to record this **very special visit**.



## 'ILLUMINATE'



*Illuminate 2017*



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**Every year**, we commemorate our **region's connections** to the **Pilgrim story** with light-themed events called '**Illuminate**'. **Illuminate** now takes place across the region, and this year's events are planned for the following dates:

Austerfield & Bawtry  
Pilgrims Festival parade - Retford  
Gainsborough  
Scrooby  
Boston

Sunday 18th November  
Tuesday 20 November  
Wednesday 21 November  
Thursday 22 November  
Thursday 29 November

**Illuminate** is closely linked to **American Thanksgiving** - a story about the Pilgrims' survival in their **first year in America** thanks largely to the help they received from the **Native Americans**. It's also inspired by a quote from **Roots Pilgrim William Bradford**, who became the Governor of **Plymouth Colony**. Bradford wrote: 'As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many'.

We've been developing **Illuminate** since 2015, counting down to the **400th anniversary** of the **Mayflower's voyage**. Join one of the events in your area to take part in the fun and find out more. **Further details** will be confirmed in our next newsletter, including how you can get involved. For **updates**, check out at [www.PilgrimRoots.org](http://www.PilgrimRoots.org)

## Did you know?

Governor **William Bradford** organized the first **Thanksgiving** feast in the year **1621**, in **Massachusetts**. The first Thanksgiving feast was held in the presence of around ninety **Wampanoag Indians** and the Wampanoag chief, **Massasoit**, was also **invited**.

The **Pilgrims** had a **corporate sponsor** for their voyage to America. – the **London Virginia Company**. But a **dispute** with their representative took place on the docks of **Southampton** prior to their departure, causing the **contract** to be **voided**. With the **Pilgrims' funds dwindling**, they were **forced to sell** some of their **butter** to pay dock fees.

The **first Thanksgiving** celebration **lasted three days**. The **drink** that the **Pilgrims** brought with them on the **Mayflower** was **beer**.

Although there was **no livestock on board** the **Mayflower**, there probably was the usual **cat** or two to keep the **rat** population in check. It is recorded that **at least two passengers** brought **pet dogs**, a **mastiff** and a **spaniel** used to **hunt** during the first winter months and many **historians believe there were more**, but these two were the only ones mentioned in journals.



*Illuminate 2017 in Retford was popular with the young and young at heart*



*An Elizabethan fireside, which would have been very familiar to the Pilgrims*

## NEW Publications



*Sally Outram*

**Nottinghamshire Author**, Columnist and Photojournalist; **Sally Outram**, is working on two forthcoming publications.

'**Mayflower Pilgrim Walks**' is a collection of circular walks, suitable for all abilities, which **follow the path** of the Mayflower Pilgrim Trail. The routes will explore historic sites which are associated with the Pilgrims, visit tranquil, quintessentially **English villages, rivers and canals**, see the abundance of **wildlife, flora and fauna**, and encourage visitors, and locals to experience our **beautiful Nottinghamshire countryside**. The walks will include places to stay, eat, drink, bus routes, taxis, car parks, museums, shops, building of historical and architectural interest, **support** and celebrate **local tradesman, businesses**, and the **local economy**. It will showcase Pilgrim Country at its best. Many of the Pilgrims originated from the villages in and around the district, which offers a **wealth of heritage and history**, the walks embrace the very essence of the journey the founding fathers of the new world took. Well known Walking **TV Presenter, Julia Bradbury**, is showing her **support** to Sally's project, via TOG partnership (The Outdoor Guide) which is a fantastic **opportunity** to **promote** the area, **walks** and **other projects** involved in **Mayflower 400**.

'**Mayflower Pilgrim Cookbook**' This book will showcase the **recipes** of Sally's Grandmother, **former housekeeper**, cook to **Babworth Hall** and WI member, **Violet Myers**. Found in her memoirs and diaries, some of the dishes are '**forgotten**' **recipes** and have a significant **connection** to the **local area** and the **New World**. The **main ingredient** of each recipe is **apple**, and these will be linked to a **new apple variety**, called the **Pilgrim 400**, a direct descendant from the **Bramley Apple at Southwell**. The book will feature extracts from Violet's diaries, accompanying recipes to dishes cooked, **photography/illustrations** and useful snippets of **household tips** and information. TV Gardener and **BBC Radio Presenter John Stirland** will be writing the foreword.

The aim is to focus the sales strategy in the **local area**, in specialist book shops and cook shops across the UK, **Tourist Information shops** across the **UK**, and into the **US**.

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