



Friends Of Nottinghamshire Archives
Saturday July 18th at 11.00am
“A Building History of Retford Town Hall”
by Dr. Megan Doole



In June 2026 it is 160 years since a foundation stone was laid by the Mayor, John Smith, to mark new municipal buildings near the Market Place in (East) Retford. A time capsule with one of all the 1866 coins was placed under the stone, and the town crier attended the ceremony. The new Town Hall building was intended to be 'a noble ornament to a noble square'. This talk explains the history of how the town hall and the associated buildings came to be built, how the development compared with national trends, and what happened to the buildings later.

In 2025 Dr Megan Doole completed a PhD thesis about the history of Wollaton Hall (with University of Nottingham and Nottingham Museums Service), but before this she researched historical buildings and places in the Bassetlaw district of Nottinghamshire. She also worked for The National Trust at a number of their historic locations around England.

All welcome – no need to book. Free to all FONA members. Non-members are asked to make a £3 donation towards costs. Tea/coffee served from 10.30am