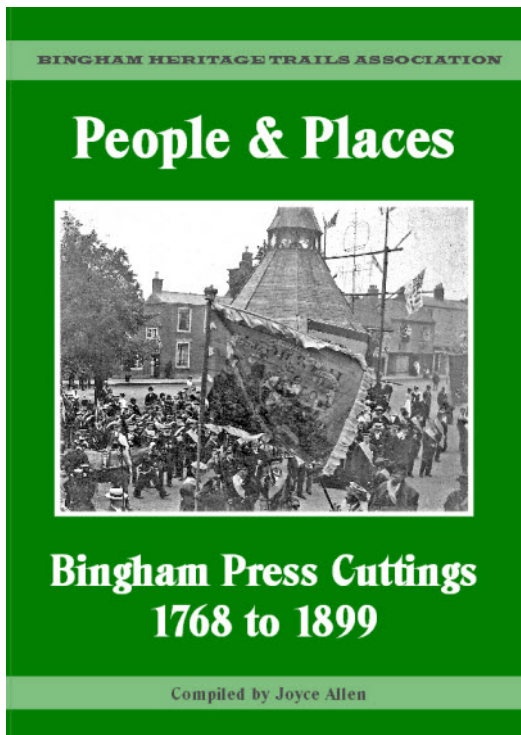


# PEOPLE & PLACES

## Bingham Press Cuttings 1768 to 1899



Members of BHTA searched the newspaper archives at the Local Studies Centre in Nottingham City library looking for references to Bingham in articles, adverts and court hearings covering a period of more than one hundred years from 1768.

The stories that have been collected into this booklet relate largely to places we can still see today, so while we walk around the town we can imagine the scenes that were played out here during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

**Price: £3.50** Available from Bingham Library, Eaton Place Newsagents or direct from BHTA by e-mail: [bhta@binghamheritage.org.uk](mailto:bhta@binghamheritage.org.uk)

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## Press tales shed light on the past

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A BOOKLET charting the stories of the people and places that have shaped Bingham has been produced.

Ten members of Bingham Heritage Trails Association spent two years researching newspapers from the 18th and 19th centuries to produce *People and Places: Bingham Press Cuttings 1768 to 1899*.

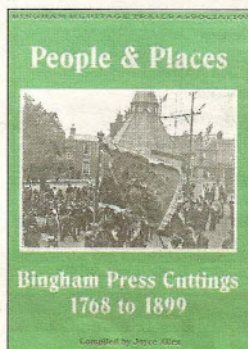
It records tales ranging from the tragic to the comic to paint a picture of the town in years gone by.

Committee member Mrs Joyce Allen, who compiled the booklet, said she hoped it would help people to see the town in a different way.

"What I wanted most of all was that people could look around at what is still left in Bingham and see what it was like in past years," she said.

"I have tried to put in humorous stories as well as tragic ones."

One story, from the New Year's Day edition of the Nottingham Journal in 1869, records the death of a Mr Don-



**THE latest booklet produced by Bingham Heritage Trails Association.**

caster, who drowned attempting to cross the River Smite with his horse and cart.

Mr Doncaster was with an 11-year-old boy, Robert Attenborough, whose body was found 12 days later.

The Doncasters ran a shop in Bingham Market Place until the 1960s and the Attenborough family still live in the town.

Mrs Allen said the idea for

the project came when she was researching for a talk to the association.

"I was looking at log books and church magazines and I started looking at newspapers," she said.

"There were so many fascinating stories I thought it would be a good idea to do a project."

The group researched the newspaper archives at the local studies centre at Nottingham City Library looking for references to Bingham.

Most of the cuttings in the book come from the Journal, although there are also contributions from the Nottingham Telegraph and Nottingham Review.

Mrs Allen said her favourite tale was of a tinker who got drunk on stout and had a mock marriage to a "blushing damsel" to mitigate his grief after losing his wife.

The story was in the Journal of October 4, 1864.

The booklet is available from the heritage association via Mrs Allen and Mr Geoff Ashton, and will also be on sale in the Eaton Place newsagents, Bingham.

It costs £3.50. For more information visit [www.binghamheritage.org.uk](http://www.binghamheritage.org.uk)