



# THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP

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## Jeremiah Brandreth – the ‘Nottingham Captain’

Meet the man who led the march of the Revolutionaries.



Jeremiah Brandreth was not from the local area of Pentrich and South Wingfield. He was appointed by the Nottingham Committee, including Thomas Bacon a Pentrich man who had long been planning the local insurrection. Brandreth was chosen because of his military experience and because of his previous Luddite activities. It is believed that Brandreth was involved in a Luddite raid in 1811 when a fellow Luddite was shot dead.

Brandreth was born in London and was baptised at St Andrews Holborn on June 26, 1785. The Brandreth family moved to Barnstaple, Devon, in 1786. When he was about 13 the family moved to Exeter and set up a framework knitting business.

In 1803 he was listed as a reservist in the 28th Regiment of foot and in the same year was present at the execution of Colonel Despard and six guardsmen in London. A spectacle which drew 20,000 - the largest crowd until Nelson's funeral. He deserted from the army around 1808.

In 1809 and 1811 his mother and then his father died. He moved to Sutton-in-Ashfield, where he had a wife and two children. His pregnant wife later walked from Sutton in Ashfield to visit him in Derby Gaol while he was awaiting trial.

In May 1817 Brandreth agreed to cooperate in a plan where he would join 50,000 men in London to storm the Tower. It is widely believed that Brandreth was a victim of the then Home Secretary, Lord Sidmouth, who took severe measures against Luddite rioters. The "revolution" began on 9 June 1817.

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### Pentrich 2017 wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

We have received £66,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for our exciting project. Pentrich 2017 aims to commemorate the bi-centenary of the last and little known 'revolution' in the United Kingdom.

This ambitious project is centred in the Amber Valley and adjacent areas in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and will run from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 but provide a lasting and long overdue legacy for this momentous but largely forgotten historical event.

Commenting on the award, John Hardwick, Chair of the Organising Committee said; *"We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident the project will engage local communities and raise awareness of the Pentrich Revolution establishing a legacy for future generations."* Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, said: *"We're delighted that National Lottery players' money can support the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group to shine a light on this important, but little-known, piece of our heritage."*

You can read the full press release on our website.

***'When the people fear the government there is tyranny, when the government fear the people there is liberty' - Thomas Jefferson***

### ***Walk with us through history ... further details of our commemorative walks***

#### **South Wingfield walk. 1pm - April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Distance: 5 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Moderate, country, undulating, stiles.

Park: The Old Yew Tree and surrounding streets. Start: Old Yew Tree Inn, South Wingfield, (OS ref. 374 551)

#### **Fritchley walk. 10am - April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Distance: 5 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Undulating, footpaths, tracks, roads, 'squeeze stiles' and stiles. Park: On street, limited parking at Bobbin Mill Lane. Start: The Congregational Church, O.S. Ref. 358 529

#### **Pentrich walk. 10am - April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 5 miles (shorter alternative) Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Undulating, roads, footpaths, stiles, steep steps. Park: Pentrich Village Hall on street. Start: Pentrich Village Hall

#### **Heage walk. 10am - April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 4 miles, with 6 mile option. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Moderate, hillside and valley footpaths, using stiles and gates. Park: Heage Windmill. Start: Heage Windmill. (O.S. Ref. 367508).

#### **Ripley walk. 1pm - May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Distance: 4 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Urban walk on pavements, unpaved road and footpaths. Park: Market Place or Derby Road. Easily accessible by bus. Start: Market Place, Ripley. (OS ref. 398505)

#### **Alfreton walk. 1pm - May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 2 miles. Care needed when crossing roads Difficulty: An urban walk on pavements and footpaths.

Park and start point: The Abraham Lincoln Library on Derby Road, Alfreton (OS ref. 405551)

#### **Swanwick Walk. 2pm - May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 4.5 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Undulating country walk, footpaths, roads, lanes, and stiles. Free car park across the road from St Andrew's Church which is the start point (O.S. Reference 403532)

#### **Codnor walk. 10am - May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 3 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Undulating, footpaths, stiles, lanes and roads.

Park: Opposite the Poet and Castle Public house, Start: The Market Place in Codnor. (OS ref. 420492)

#### **Nottingham Walk. 10am - May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 2 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: easy, urban walk.

Park The Market Square. Start: The Council House, Market Square, Nottingham.

#### **Langley Mill walk. 2pm - May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 5 miles (shorter option) Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Moderate. On canal towpaths, roads, footpaths. Park and start point: The Bunny Hop, 19 Cromford Road.

#### **Eastwood walk. 10am - May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 5 miles. Take care crossing all roads Difficulty: Moderate, footpaths, pavements and fields. Gates but no stiles. Park: Car park behind the Sun Inn Start: The Sun Inn (OS ref. 455470), Mansfield Road, Eastwood.

#### **Derby walk. 10am - May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 2 miles. Easy, city walk. Take care when crossing all roads. Difficulty: Easy, city walk.

Park: Assembly Rooms Start: Outside the Guildhall, Market Place, Derby.

#### **Sutton in Ashfield walk. 1pm - May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Distance: 2 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: Urban walk, mainly on pavements.

Park and start point: The Idlewells Centre.

### Giltbook walk. 2.00 pm - May 29<sup>th</sup> ( N.B. THE CHANGE OF TIME )

Distance: 4 miles. Care needed when crossing roads. Difficulty: footpaths, roads, boardwalk.

Park: IKEA car park or take the bus from Nottingham or Ripley Start: North of the roundabout, B6010 outside IKEA (OS Ref: 486 453).

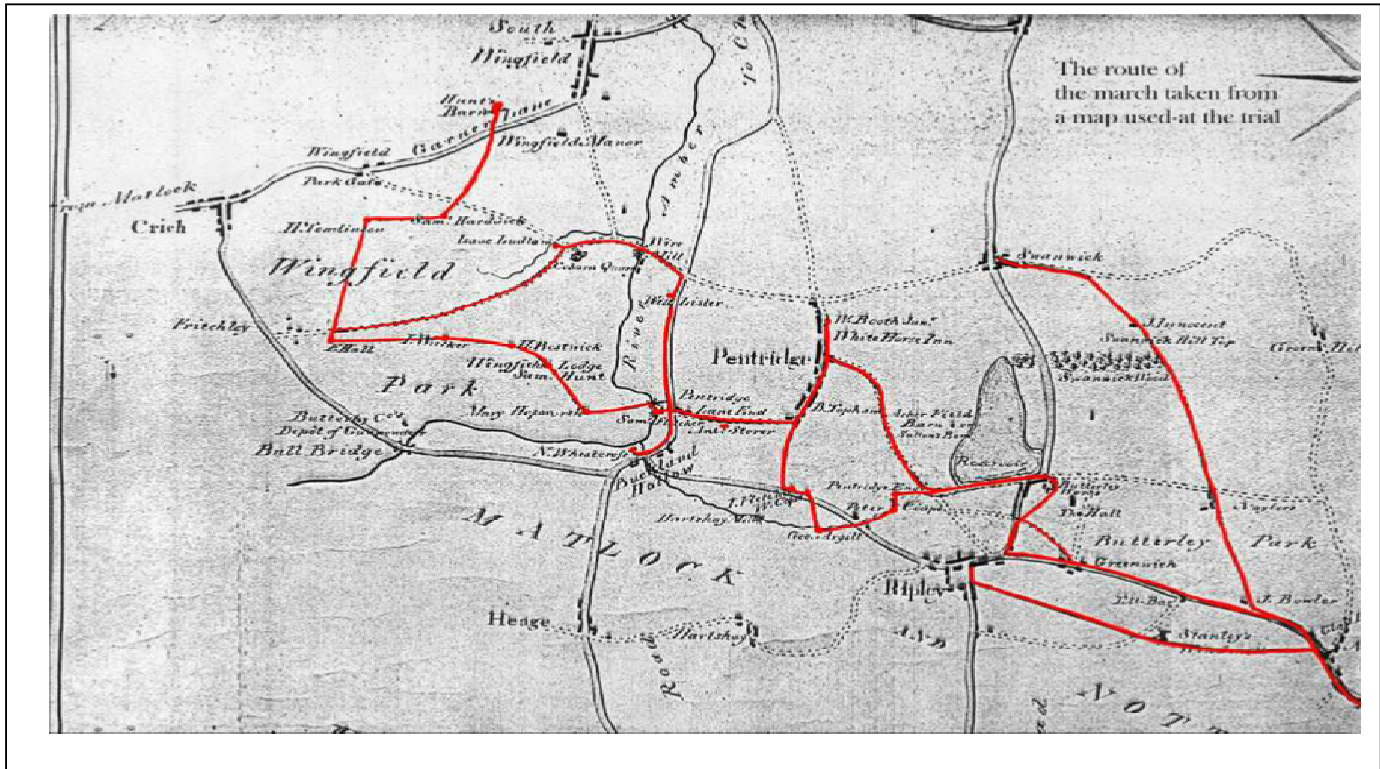
*Please note: Walk leaders reserve the right to anyone not wearing appropriate shoes or clothing.*

To confirm times and details of the walks, awareness exhibitions and other events follow us on facebook [www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution](http://www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution) or log on to our website.

We now have 7 of our 15 walks fully sponsored, if you would like to sponsor any of the remaining walks, Nottingham, Fritchley, Pentrich, Swanwick, Eastwood Giltbrook or Derby please get in touch.

We also still need sponsors for 26 of the 46 paintings. Your sponsorship will appear in the brochure or painting as well as on our website.

## The route of the Revolutionaries through Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.



### *Do you want to become a revolutionary?*

As we get further into 2017 we will need more volunteers and helpers for the many events, walks and exhibitions that we have planned. Attendance at training sessions may be required for certain activities. For further information or to become a member or a friend of the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group please contact Valerie Herbert - [valerie.mherbert@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valerie.mherbert@yahoo.co.uk) You can become a Friend for as little as £5 per year. You will receive our Newsletter giving updates on all events. As a charity we depend on donations to carry on the work both now and after the bicentenary commemoration in 2017. If you would like to become a member or make a donation it will be eligible for gift aid as we are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ( Number 1166940 ) so it would be helpful if you could complete the form inserted into this newsletter.

**In the next Issue... find out more about 'Oliver the Spy' – an agent provocateur!**

*Meet some of the organisers ...*

## Chairman



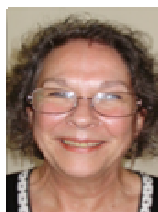
**John Hardwick**, retired Purchase Manager, descendant, life long resident of South Wingfield and local historian.

## Vice Chairman



**Michael Parkin**, retired senior police officer and later a HR director and employment consultant with an interest in local history.

## Secretary



**Valerie Herbert**, retired Legal Secretary, interested in the natural world.

## Treasurer



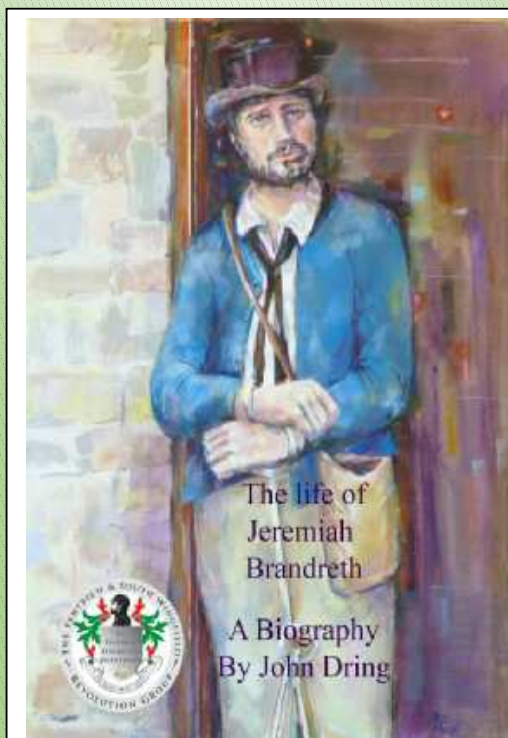
**David Williams**, Derbyshire County Councillor, Ripley Town Councillor, UNITE member and a member of 13 other organisations.

*Meet more of the team in the next newsletter.*

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Brandreth had held a final meeting at The White Horse in Pentrich, where he and his fellow conspirators were to lead a march on Nottingham where "they would receive 100 guineas, bread, meat and ale." They would then lead an attack on the local barracks, overthrow the government and end "poverty for ever".

En route to Nottingham Brandreth accidentally shot a servant when trying to gain entry to Widow Hepworth's house but he was not tried for this crime. The revolutionaries were ambushed by soldiers at Giltbrook in Nottinghamshire. Brandreth escaped and tried twice to stow away on ships to the United States. However, he faced a trial rigged to guarantee a conviction for treason, and was sentenced to death by hanging and beheading. For a fuller account of the life of Jeremiah Brandreth read the biography by John Dring - details on our website.



The Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group was formed in 2014 as a single purpose community organisation dedicated to increasing and retaining awareness of the 1817 Pentrich Revolution. It is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its objectives are:

- to commemorate the 1817 Pentrich Rising;
- to educate and increase awareness about the rising;
- to establish a legacy which preserves and entrenches the heritage of the Revolution.