

THE BRITISH SUNDIAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

History

Bromley House Library (grade 2, listed) is an interesting and appropriate location for the BSS Library. It was built in 1752 as a fine Town House. In 1822 it was taken over by Nottingham Subscription Library (renamed BHL in 2001). The main library is housed in a series of reading rooms with plaster ceilings, cornices and over mantels; the largest room has a gallery, accessed by a spiral staircase. There are fine clocks, barometers, a working meridian line and a recently restored wind direction indicator. To the rear there is a large walled garden, open to members. The first Photographic Studio in Nottingham, operated from 1841 to 1955, was located in the attics.

Location



The address is *Bromley House, Angel Row, Nottingham, NG1 6HL*. This is in the centre of Nottingham, close to the Old Market Square. The arched entrance is set between two shop fronts see picture. A useful landmark is the nearby Central Library. The nearest car park is on Upper Parliament Street. Angel Row is in the apex formed by the convergence of Maid Marion Way and Upper Parliament Street. Nottingham Railway Station and Broad Marsh Bus Station are due south of Angel Row, about 12 minutes walk away. The Lat/Long is 52.953861N,-1.152624W.

Opening Times

The Library hours are Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm see www.bromleyhouse.org. or phone 0115 9473134. To gain access to Bromley House, you need to find the doorway, which is not very obvious, next to Barnardo's Charity Shop. To be admitted, BSS members must be able to provide proof of their identity either by showing their BSS membership card or by showing some personal ID such as their driving licence which will be checked against the current BSS membership list held at Bromley House. A catalogue of the BSS Reference Collection is available at the library desk.

Facilities

BSS has Corporate Membership of Bromley House Library and this permits any current paid up BSS member access to the Library and all the facilities which even include tea, coffee and toilets. Members may browse any of the 35,000 Bromley House books and periodicals but these may not be borrowed. Equally, use of the BSS library is not exclusive to BSS members, any BHL member may also refer to them, but nobody may borrow them.