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Wednesday 17 June 2015

Nottingham Lakeside Arts

at 18:30-20:30

**A presentation by
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The opening of the Chinese Treaty Ports in 1842 allowed British traders to establish firm economic bases in Shanghai, Ningbo and Hong Kong. This had a significant economic impact on the traders' families in the UK. This seminar will focus on the story of the Butterfield family and how they grew wealthy as a result of their connections with China. Told through the analysis of key objects in possession of Marie-Louise Roosevelt-Pierrepoint, Countess Manvers of Thoresby Hall, this fascinating story follows the Butterfield family from the mills in Keighley, West Yorkshire, to Shanghai and ultimately Nottingham. In doing so it uncovers previously hidden stories of the wider cultural impact of trading relationships between the two countries.

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