

Have your say on future plans for Suffolk's heritage services

Suffolk County Council is proposing to develop a new heritage organisation with The Museum of East Anglian Life (MEAL) which would bring together archaeology, archives and museum services helping to safeguard them for the future. The county council and MEAL will also investigate if funding would be available to create a main heritage centre for Suffolk's archives, archaeological finds and artefacts. The centre would have state-of-the-art display facilities, and would provide outreach activities at locations across Suffolk.

We value your views and encourage you to have your say by responding to the online survey available on the Suffolk County Council website www.suffolk.gov.uk/HeritageConsultation or by completing a printed questionnaire available in record office branches. All responses received during the consultation period, which ends on 31 January 2012, will be analysed and the results used to inform the full business case, which will be presented to Suffolk County Council's Cabinet and the MEAL Board.

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Please tick the box if you wish to be included on a mailing list so we can notify you of future Record Office events. Information on our database will not be shared with third parties and will only be used by the Record Office for marketing purposes. If you would prefer to be notified by e-mail please send your request by email to:
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Talks and walks:

Juvenile delinquents in Victorian Suffolk;
By the sword divided; Medieval and Tudor sports;
Pub games in Suffolk; Stories behind the stones

Courses:

Five peas in a pod and other plants; Palaeography; Post-colonial fiction in English; Churches, chapels and congregations;
Landed houses and estates in west Suffolk

Hands on history:

Who were your ancestors? How did your ancestors live?
Who lived in your house? Making the most of Ancestry

Please check www.suffolk.gov.uk/sro for other information

www.suffolkheritagedirect.org.uk

one-stop gateway to Suffolk's heritage collections

Walks

Stories behind the stones

Ivan Bunn

Sunday 29 April 11.00am Lowestoft

A guided walk around Lowestoft cemetery to find out more about the stories of those remembered on the headstones. Numbers are limited so please book with Lowestoft Record Office who will provide joining instructions.

Where witches once walked

Ivan Bunn

Sunday 8 July 11.00am Lowestoft

Walk in the footsteps of witches exploring the historic High Street. Numbers are limited so please book with Lowestoft Record Office who will provide joining instructions.

Record Office talks

The treatment of juvenile delinquents in Victorian Suffolk

Clive Paine

Saturday 11 February 2.00pm Bury

Saturday 10 March 2.00pm Ipswich

This talk is linked to the recent BBC 'Who Do You Think You Are' programme featuring Tracey Emin - whose ancestor spent time in Kerrison Reformatory in Suffolk. We examine the origins of reformatories, the inmates and their treatment, and follow the 'careers' of two Bury female delinquents.

Raking up the past: Garden antiques

David Holmes

Saturday 18 February 10.00am Bury

Come and look at old gardening tools and learn about their history and development. Everything is covered from Regency benches to garden gnomes. Bring along a photograph of your own garden antique to share with the audience.

Searchroom tours

Find out about sources available in the searchroom

Saturday 12 May 2.00pm Lowestoft

Sunday 13 May 11.00am Lowestoft

Seaside postcards

A family activity - design your own historic greetings cards

Sunday 24 June 11.00am Lowestoft

Suffolk Record Office Refund Policy

All bookings are non-refundable. In the event of Suffolk Record Office cancelling we will offer you the opportunity to book onto another course or have your payment refunded.

Booking form

Cost of talks	£5.50
Cost of walks	£5.00
Cost of 2 hour Hands on history session	£10.00

Event title	Date
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Total amount enclosed £.....

Please make cheques payable to: **Suffolk County Council**

You may also phone us and pay by credit/debit card

Please complete your contact details on the reverse of the form, and send to the relevant record office.

Free events

Ipswich Record Office Open Day on Saturday 14 April

Ipswich Record Office and Ipswich Building Society are hosting our popular free Open Day. Margaret Hancock of Ipswich Building Society will be leading two guided walks, one for adults and one for accompanied children. Join us to learn more about the history of the surrounding streets. A selection of archives illustrating these walks will be on display. Learn how to begin your family and local history research using your county archives. Come behind the scenes on a free strongroom tour. Browse through a variety of books at a Friends of Suffolk Record Office book sale. Explore life on the Home Front through our interactive children's activities. While all activities are free, booking is essential as places on strongroom tours and guided walks are limited. Activity packs for children will also be on sale.

Lowestoft Record Office events

Free online databases for historical research

Learn which online resources can be accessed for free for family and local history research.

Saturday 14 January	2.00pm	Lowestoft
Sunday 15 January	11.00am	Lowestoft

Family history help clinic

Obtain free advice from the knowledgeable Record Office team about your family history problems.

Saturday 18 February	2.00pm	Lowestoft
Sunday 19 February	11.00am	Lowestoft

Scrapbooking for Mother's Day

Bring your Mum or Grandma and create your own family scrapbook page.

Sunday 18 March	11.00am	Lowestoft
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Pub games in Suffolk

Stuart Bowell		
Saturday 25 February	10.30am	Ipswich

Stuart Bowell will entertain you by talking about pub games popular from the 18th century, these include darts, shove ha'penny, dominoes, twister and caves. Illustrated with a selection of Ipswich Record Office's archives.

The Plague in Suffolk

Clive Paine		
Saturday 25 February	10.00am	Bury
Saturday 3 March	2.00pm	Ipswich

There were at least five major plague epidemics between 1604 and 1665. In this talk, Clive examines the impact on local communities, families and individuals. He uses parish registers, wills, briefs and court records to tell the tragic stories of these desperate events.

M R James and his tales of the imagination

Clive Paine		
Saturday 10 March	10.00am	Bury

M R James, antiquarian, biblical scholar and author of 'short stories', grew up at Great Livermere, where his father was the Rector. This talk reveals how he used local history and the local landscape in his 'Ghost Stories of an Antiquary'.

Long Melford Church during the Reformation

Clive Paine		
Saturday 24 March	10.00am	Bury

Long Melford will be featured in Michael Wood's latest BBC TV series: 'Great British Story'. The church has the most complete set of records of the Reformation in Suffolk. We trace the changes in belief, worship, furnishings and the buildings during this turbulent period in English History.

Shuffling off this mortal coil: Death sources for family historians

Viv Aldous

Saturday 24 March 10.30am Ipswich
Records relating to death are often more plentiful than those which document other life events. They can also enrich our appreciation of the lives of our ancestors, and be a goldmine for the family historian. This talk will describe some of the most useful sources relating to death, where and how you can find them, and how you can use them to further your family history research.

By the sword divided: The D'Ewes brothers and the English Civil War

John Sutton

Saturday 21 April 10.00am Bury
The internecine strife of the 1640's was one of the most heartrending in English history, literally dividing brother against brother. This especially applied to the two D'Ewes brothers of gentle stock from Stowlangtoft in Suffolk. Sir Symonds D'Ewes was a staunch Puritan who as MP for Sudbury espoused the Roundhead side on the outbreak of hostilities. His younger brother Richard stood foursquare for the King and tragically lost his life fighting for his royal master at the siege of Reading. The lecture will explore their differing lives with special emphasis being given to the time they spent as boys at Bury Grammar School before the onset of the 'Brother-killing days' cruelly tore them apart.

Victorian Royalty in Suffolk

Clive Paine

Saturday 28 April 10.00am Bury
Saturday 28 April 2.00pm Ipswich

Although Queen Victoria did not visit Suffolk, many members of her family did, including the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York. Royals who lived in Suffolk included Victoria's little Maharajah at Elveden and a Russian Prince at Newmarket. Clive will also explore what attracted the German Empress and her children to take a holiday at Felixstowe.

Who were your ancestors? £10.00

This two hour session looks at sources for tracing your family that are available in your local record office and covers records going back before Civil Registration and Census returns. Explore parish registers, school records, cemetery registers and directories.

Thursday 19 January 2.00pm Ipswich
Tuesday 28 February 2.30pm Bury
Thursday 19 April 2.00pm Ipswich
Wednesday 25 April 2.00pm Lowestoft
Tuesday 22 May 2.30pm Bury

How did your ancestors live? £10.00

This two hour session looks at peoples' lives and the material in the record office that can show you how your ancestors lived. It includes sources like wills, inventories, settlement and bastardy papers and workhouse records.

Thursday 9 February 2.00pm Ipswich
Tuesday 3 April 2.30pm Bury

Who lived in your house? £10.00

Getting started

This two hour session uses a variety of maps (tithe, enclosure and district valuation), tax returns, census and directories, to help you find out the social history of your property back to 1800.

Thursday 23 February 2.00pm Ipswich
Monday 27 February 2.00pm Lowestoft
Tuesday 6 March 2.30pm Bury
Thursday 26 April 2.00pm Ipswich
Monday 14 May 2.00pm Lowestoft

Who lived in your house? £10.00

Continue your quest

During this two hour session travel further back in time before 1840 and use deeds, manorial records and wills to discover more about the people who lived in your property.

Tuesday 20 March 2.30pm Bury
Monday 21 May 10.00am Bury

Breaking boundaries - Early 'isms' in 20th century art**Mary Conochie****£27.50****Starts: Tuesday 17 April at 2.00pm****Bury**

This five week course identifies ground-breaking artistic movements from 1900-1915, including Fauvism, Cubism, Expressionism; and analyses how artists challenged all traditions of Western Art.

Record Office three week course**Introduction to medieval Latin and palaeography £16.50****David Dymond****Bury****Starts: Wednesday 14 March at 10.00am**

This course is designed for local and family historians who wish to read and transcribe documents in Latin. In three practical sessions, you will study parish registers, wills, deeds and charters, church wardens' accounts and manorial surveys. No previous experience of Latin or medieval palaeography is required.

Hands on history**Using family history websites****£10.00**

Explore the most informative family history websites in this new two hour session. Which websites should you use for the most reliable information? Find out how to amalgamate the information from different websites to build up a family tree.

Thursday 26 January	2.00pm	Ipswich
Tuesday 7 February	2.30pm	Bury
Thursday 22 March	2.00pm	Ipswich
Monday 30 April	10.00am	Bury

Making the most of Ancestry**£10.00**

For an in-depth view of the library edition of Ancestry, this two hour session gives you 'hands-on' practice at using the site. Most of the learning is achieved by using case studies, but there will also be an opportunity for you to undertake some personal research.

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Medieval and Tudor sports

Clive Paine

Saturday 12 May

10.00am

Bury

Saturday 12 May

2.00pm

Ipswich

As the Olympic Flame passes through Suffolk on its journey to London, we look back to sporting prowess of an earlier age.

The sports fields were usually churchyards, camping closes, open air theatres and fairsteads. The sports included a variety of ball games, played with bats, hands or feet; unarmed combat; trials of strength; running; walking and dancing marathons.

Celebrating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in the Empire, England and Bury St Edmunds

Clive Paine

Saturday 26 May

10.00am

Bury

As we prepare to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we look back to the preparations, celebrations and commemorations of Victoria's Jubilee in 1897; especially the events in Bury St Edmunds and the surrounding villages.

Fire fighting from Tudor to Victorian times

Clive Paine

Saturday 26 May

2.00pm

Ipswich

This talk traces the development of fire-fighting equipment and methods over time. We also examine the impact of fires on Suffolk towns and villages, including Bury, Bungay, Norton and Brandon.

Record Office ten week courses**Medieval Latin palaeography****Dr John Ridgard and Kate Jewell****Ipswich****£105****Beginners starts Wednesday 11 January at 9.15am**

A gentle ten week introduction to reading different classes of document, written in Latin, which were common at manorial level from the 13th century to the early 17th century. No previous experience of palaeography or knowledge of Latin is necessary.

Intermediates starts Wednesday 11 January at 11.15am

This ten week course provides an opportunity for those with basic competence to further develop their skills with an understanding of the simple aspects of Latin grammar required to interpret such documents.

Advanced starts Monday 9 January at 10.30am

This ten week course provides the opportunity for students possessing a fundamental grasp of the subject to further develop their skills in tackling more difficult documents. It also offers support to those who are engaged in research requiring the study of medieval and early modern documents, via workshops on problem documents.

Post-colonial fiction in English**£55.00****Ulrike Horstmann-Guthrie****Bury****Starts: Thursday 12 January at 2.00pm**

Post-colonial writing has become the focus of much interest in recent years. Beginning with the work by Nobel prize winner V S Naipaul, 'The Enigma of Arrival' (1987), this course will introduce students to novels by younger authors - Hanif Kureishi, 'The Buddha of Suburbia', (1990) and Amitav Gosh, 'The Sea of Poppies', (2008).

How to investigate Suffolk churches, chapels and congregations**£55.00****Clive Paine****Bury****Starts: Monday 16 January at 2.00pm****Repeats: Thursday 19 January at 10.00am**

This course will focus on both the buildings and congregations who worshipped within them. Using a wide range of sources from the Record Office, we will trace the changes in architecture, worship, furnishings, monuments and decorations. We will also examine the membership and social impact of congregations.

Landed houses and estates in West Suffolk**£55.00****Clive Paine****Bury****Starts: Monday 16 April at 2.00pm****Repeats: Thursday 19 April at 10.00am**

This course traces the development of individual estates and houses, from their origins to their break-up. Estates studied will include Culford, Livermere, Hardwick, Hengrave, Rushbrooke, Great Barton and Nowton. We will also examine life on the estate in the 'big-house' and in tied cottages. Field visits will form an essential part of the course.

Record Office five week courses**Introduction to family history****£27.50****Tutored by Lowestoft Record Office staff****Lowestoft****Starts: Monday 16 January at 2.00pm**

Find out about tracing your family through civil registration, census, parish registers, wills and probate records, school records and Poor Law documents. This course provides everything to get you started on your research and will include access to primary sources as well as the internet.

Five peas in a pod and other plants - Patron, Poet, Paxton, Painter and Poison**£27.50****Caroline Holmes****Bury****Starts: Wednesday 1 February at 10.00am**

Garden history which sifts the humour from the humus: plants will weave together the stories of great and small gardens and the personalities that created them. Each session will focus on a garden open to the public and the influences they have had on domestic gardening.

Patron: William and Mary at Hampton Court Palace

Poet: Keats House, Hampstead and the Regency Domestic Garden

Paxton: Chatsworth to Gardeners' Chronicle - grand designs for domestic gardens

Painter: Monet at Giverny

Poison: The Alnwick Garden, Northumberland - designing for the 21st century.