

Autumn 2017



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Courses:

Social Reforms in Victorian Suffolk; Nineteenth Century European Classics; Introduction to Family History

Talks:

Beyond Hatches, Matches & Dispatches; Suffolk Yeomanry in the Second World War; Ipswich's Prolific Architects: Henry Munro Cautley and Leslie Barefoot; Haunted Lowestoft; Christmas Lecture: Eat, Drink and Be Merry!; Heritage Open Days

Workshops:

House History; History of Handwriting; World War One

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Talks

£7.50

Introduction to Family History at Suffolk Record Office

Emma Sealy

Friday 15 September 10.00am Ipswich

Friday 17 November 10.00am Ipswich

This talk, which includes a tour of the Ipswich Record Office strongroom, will introduce you to the types of archives available for family history research at Suffolk Record Office. Emma Sealy will answer your questions and show you how to use the finding aids and resources in the searchroom.

Old Cupola c1693-2012

Dr Pat Murrell

Saturday 23 September 10.00am Bury

Dr Pat Murrell presents an illustrated history of Old Cupola, Bury's original iconic late 17th century architectural gem, which was lost to fire in June 2012. Hear how it was originally built for Thomas Macro Junior in 1693 and how it remained the family's home until 1750; thereafter passing through various hands during the Victorian period and later becoming a popular market tavern in the 20th century.

Beyond Hatches, Matches & Dispatches

Sarah Doig

Saturday 7 October 10.00am Bury

Any self-respecting family or local historian will be familiar with the entries of baptisms, marriages and deaths in parish registers. In many cases, however, the pages of Suffolk parish registers provide intriguing insights into our ancestors' lives beyond these records. In this talk, we reveal stories of spires collapsing, community celebrations and extreme weather conditions, as well as dipping into some of the tragic and humorous circumstances in which people lived and died.

Last Wishes

Dr Pat Murrell

Tuesday 10 October 10.00am Bury

Pat Murrell explores the wills of late Stuart and Georgian Suffolk inhabitants. Their wishes range from the mundane to the bizarre, and include attempts by some to control the lives of others from beyond the grave.

Desert Island Records

Bridget Hanley

Saturday 14 October 10.30am Ipswich

Following the lines of the popular radio programme, Suffolk Record Office Collections Manager Bridget Hanley will talk about her top eight items from the Ipswich Record Office collections – those archives she would want copied to take with her if she were to be marooned on a desert island. Discover the stories behind these archives and see them on display. Items include a First World War letter, a book of naval signals and a link with Russia...

Suffolk Fare: Food and Drink 1660-1830

Dr Pat Murrell

Friday 20 October

2.00pm

Bury

This taste of the past is designed to cater for more than just the historian. Anyone interested in food production, cooking, gardening or drinking should find something to suit their palate in this brief introduction to the subject.

All Change: 1700-1817

Dr Pat Murrell

Saturday 21 October

10.00am

Bury

Dr Murrell details life in and around the Great Market/Cornhill area of Bury St Edmunds, based upon two artistic depictions. One an oil painting of c1700 held in Moyses Hall and the other a rare watercolour of 1817 held by Suffolk Record Office. Follow the Georgianisation of this part of town, meeting inhabitants and hearing of events that took place during this 100 or so year period.

Caring for Archives: At the Record Office and at Home

Dominic Wall

Saturday 28 October

10.30am

Ipswich

In this illustrated talk Suffolk Record Office's conservator will discuss packaging materials and strategies used to protect archives in the Record Office, and describe some recent examples of conservation-restoration work. Extending from this he'll explore good ways of caring for personal archive collections at home and describe the types of packaging materials available at the Record Office.

Haunted Lowestoft

Ivan Bunn

Saturday 28 October

2.30pm

Lowestoft

Join local historian Ivan Bunn for a fascinating talk exploring the spooky side of Lowestoft's past. Touching on apparitions, witches and local legends which can still be found wandering the cliffs and streets of our town. Spine chilling tales from the archives.

Fire!

Sarah Doig

Saturday 4 November

10.00am

Bury

To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night on the fifth of November we will look at Suffolk fires over the centuries. This talk explores some of the more interesting and bizarre fire-related incidents in our county, including the 17th century town fire which saved a monarch's life, a celebrated case of spontaneous human combustion in the 1700s and a mysterious disease which almost wiped out a complete family. Come and watch the sparks fly!

Possessions

Dr Pat Murrell

Tuesday 7 November

10.00am

Bury

Join Pat Murrell for this fascinating look at what Suffolk people owned in an age of growing consumerism. Late Stuart and Georgian inventories form the basis of this informative glimpse 'through the keyhole' into their homes and lifestyles.

Suffolk Yeomanry in the Second World War

Dr Nick Sign

Saturday 11 November

10.30am

Ipswich

After serving as a home defence force until 1944, the Suffolk Yeomanry, a long established Territorial Regiment, fought in an anti-tank role with great distinction in the Normandy campaign, in Belgium and in Holland. They ended their wartime service as part of the army of occupation in Germany. Nick recently co-authored with Dr Margaret Thomas *The Loyal Suffolk Hussars; a History of the Suffolk Yeomanry 1794-1967*, the research for which will be discussed in this talk.

Ipswich's Prolific Architects: Henry Munro Cautley and Leslie Barefoot

Hilary Ritchie

Saturday 18 November

10.30am

Ipswich

Ipswich Record Office holds the extensive collection of the architect's firm of Cautley and Barefoot, and its successors, which practiced in Ipswich for most of the twentieth century. Archivist Hilary Ritchie who has catalogued the collection will give an illustrated talk about their work. Their clients included Lloyds Bank, Ipswich Borough Council, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and Tollemache's Brewery. Their work included churches, public buildings, businesses as well as private homes and ranged from St Augustine's Church in Ipswich to Tolly Cobbold public houses and from the Bartlet Convalescent Home at Felixstowe to extensions to private houses.

In Desperate Need: Sanitation in Late Stuart and Georgian Times

Dr Pat Murrell

Friday 24 November

2.00pm

Bury

Ever wondered about the 'facilities', or rather apparent lack of them in this period? If so, then come along to this light hearted and informative account by Dr Pat Murrell. Delivered with decorum this talk nevertheless plumbs the depths of one aspect of history seldom mentioned by historians or featured in glossy guides to great country houses. This is an historical insight on 'spending a penny' designed for your convenience!

The Rogues Shanty Chorus - Sea Shanties, Sails and Smugglers Tales

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Monday 27 November

2.30pm

Lowestoft

The Rogues Shanty Chorus is a North Suffolk based collective of singers that celebrate the musical heritage of the East Anglian coast. Join us in a celebration of the culture and legacy of previous generations of local seafaring communities through the folk music that they enjoyed, revived and revitalised by the Rogues Chorus.

The Little Red Architectural Money Box and Its Predecessors

Dr Pat Murrell

Saturday 2 December

10.00am

Bury

Dr Murrell charts the history of the site on the edge of the Great Churchyard, Bury St Edmunds, now occupied by a range of quirky buildings in the Victorian Tudor Gothic style. Consideration is given to the Deck family's occupancy of an earlier Georgian property demolished in the 1840s and the new premises, savings bank House (now Norman Tower House) designed by Lewis Nockalls Cottingham.

A Different Kind of War - the Suffolk Yeomanry (15th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment) in Egypt and Palestine in 1917

Dr Margaret Thomas

Saturday 2 December

10.30am

Ipswich

We will consider some of the sources available for this theatre of war. It was fought in desert and mountainous areas, so very different from the trenches of the Western Front, by forces of the Suffolk Regiment, part of Allenby's army in Palestine, as it moved up to capture Jerusalem in 1917, with particular focus on the 15th Battalion (Suffolk Yeomanry).

Christmas Lecture: Eat, Drink and Be Merry!

Dr Pat Murrell

Saturday 9 December

10.00am

Bury

A fascinating look at the festive fare on offer in times past with social and food historian Dr Pat Murrell. Elaborate feasts and more frugal offerings are all on the menu. With an opportunity to taste a few samples made from old recipes, this is a gourmet tale not to be missed.

Five week courses

£37.50

Introduction to Family History

Starts Monday 11 September

10.00am

Lowestoft

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 you need to get started on your research and will include primary sources as well as an introduction to online resources.

Social Reforms in Victorian Suffolk

Dr Margaret Thomas

Starts Thursday 9 November

2.00pm

Ipswich

This five week course will focus on major social reforms of the 19th century and their impact on Suffolk society, together with the political changes and cultural attitudes that brought them about. It will investigate areas such as care of the poor, education, public health, and administration of local government. The course will draw on primary sources at the Record Office, investigating poor law records, inspector's reports, school log books, royal commission evidence and medical officer of health records.

Ten Week Courses

£75

Nineteenth Century European Classics

Ulrike Horstmann-Guthrie

Starts Thursday 21 September

2.00pm

Bury

This autumn we shall investigate fiction by some of the greatest writers from Russia, France, England and Spain: Turgenev, *Fathers and Sons* (1862), Zola, *The Kill* (1872), Trollope, *John Caldigate* (1879) and Emilia Pardo Bazán, *The House of Ulloa* (1886).

Workshops

£12.50

House History

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 21 September	2.00pm	Ipswich
Thursday 2 November	2.00pm	Ipswich
Friday 24 November	10.00am	Lowestoft

World War One in Your Local Area: Learn to Research the Impact of the Great War at Home

This two hour session will give you a taster of the kinds of sources you can use in researching events relating to World War One in your parish or village. You will have access to a selection of records that are available at Ipswich Record Office, including oral history recordings, photographs, school records, newspapers and personal papers.

Friday 29 September	10.00am	Ipswich
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The History of Handwriting

Have you struggled to read old documents? This session will explore the history of handwriting and look at old alphabets using prime examples from original archives helping you to read and understand documents back to the 1500s.

Monday 6 November	10.00am	Lowestoft
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Heritage Open Days 7 - 10 September *Free*

“A Handsome and Substantial Building”. A history of Bury's Corn Exchange' John Orbell

Friday 8 September	11.00am	Bury
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In the first of our free Heritage Open Day lectures John Orbell tells the story of the Corn Exchange and how it has been at the centre of Bury life for centuries. He will be discussing its distinguished architecture and extraordinary role in the town's history, including how its construction bankrupted Bury in the 1840s; the vital role played during war service; and how its proposed demolition in the 1960s roused the townspeople in fierce opposition. Its history, for long lost in time, is fascinating.

Abbey Grounds/Gardens (c 1660-1830)

Dr Pat Murrell

Friday 8 September

2.00pm

Bury

Join Dr Pat Murrell in celebrating one of Bury St Edmunds most famous heritage sites, as she presents the second of our free Heritage Open Day lectures on the town's Abbey Grounds and Gardens. Focusing on the owners, people, events, uses and buildings associated with it, from the late 17th to early 19th century.

Pop-Up Record Office at Halesworth Library

Saturday 9 September

10am - 4pm

Halesworth Library

Are you fascinated by local history? Would you like to know the history of your house, town or village? On Saturday Dr Helen Band and Katie Angus from Suffolk Record Office in Lowestoft will be on hand in the Library to help you get started. They will be able to assist you in exploring Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com and the extensive resources of the Suffolk Archives website and catalogue to look into the past of your home or family. These are free resources available for budding local historians to use on a regular basis. There will also be a fascinating display from local archives of material relating to Halesworth.

The Hold: A New Heritage Centre for Suffolk

Saturday 9 September

9.30am - 4.30pm

Ipswich

Ipswich Record Office in its current site in the historic Bramford Road School was opened by Diana, Princess of Wales, on 1 February 1990. Twenty-seven years later come and view the proposed plans for the new Suffolk Record Office building, The Hold. The Hold is an exciting new heritage centre, to be located beside the Ipswich Waterfront. It will provide a new home for the bulk of Suffolk's unique archives, education and exhibition spaces, state of the art research facilities, and more! This is a partnership project between Suffolk County Council (Suffolk Record Office) and the University of Suffolk. Supported by heritage organisations across Suffolk, it received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund in May 2016. The Hold's activities programme will involve communities, volunteers and education providers right across Suffolk and it should open its doors in time for the 900th anniversary of our oldest document in 2019!

Free Events

Spinning a Yarn: Fun Palace

Saturday 7th October

10.00am

Lowestoft

Lowestoft Library are throwing a 'Fun Palace' which is both a movement campaigning for culture by, for and with all – and an annual weekend of events, where arts, crafts, science, tech and digital are a catalyst for community engagement. At Lowestoft Library Suffolk Record Office are getting involved, demonstrating traditional ways of working with wool including, carding, spinning, braiding and knitting. Come along and learn a new skill. Suitable for all ages; families and children especially welcome.

Archives: Colour with us!

Monday 23 October

10.00am

Lowestoft

Colouring in for young and old. Great fun and relaxing too. Join Lowestoft Record Office staff who have found wonderful images from our archives to get creative with.

Christmas Card Craft

Saturday 9 December

10.00am

Lowestoft

Get into the festive spirit and make a Victorian Christmas card with images from our archives, all materials provided. Suitable for all ages.

The Medieval Latin Palaeography Mutual Help Group

There are two mutual help groups. One meets monthly on the first Monday of the month, the other meets weekly on a Tuesday. Any participant can bring along for discussion any document on which they are working and each group works on an ongoing project in translating manorial documents. Basic knowledge of school Latin is an advantage but we learn from each other and text books as we pick our way through legal and church usage. You are very welcome to join one or both groups which meet throughout the year. Contact Ipswich Record Office for more information.