

Suffolk Record Office Events Autumn 2018



Heritage Open Days Weekends

WW1 Armistice Centenary Celebration Open Day (Bury), Behind the scenes tours (Ipswich) & Pop Up Record Office (Halesworth)

Courses: Tracing Your Family History; 'Portraits of Ladies' from Austen to Woolf: Changes in Fictional Approaches to Women

Talks: When Buffalo Bill came to East Anglia; Suffolk Women; Starting your Family Tree; Recording the County's Landscape; The Bury Fayre

Workshops: Palaeography; Researching School Records; Exploring Wills and Probate

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Heritage Open Days Weekends Events
8 September & 15 September
Free

WWI Armistice Centenary Celebration Open Days

Saturday 8 & 15 September 10.00am - 4.00pm Bury

Join us at the Bury branch where we will be commemorating the end of WW1 through an exhibition about life on the Home Front in our area. Discover the stories of those who were affected by war locally through letters, photographs, newspapers, diaries, and other original archives. Listen to accounts of the time and find out how people celebrated the coming of peace. There will also be craft activities for children over 5 years to take part in.

This was also a period of great change for women who played vital roles both at home and on the Front Line. To celebrate, local historian Sarah Doig will be hosting 10 minute talks throughout Saturday 8 September, each one focusing on an 'extraordinary woman'.

Special activities on Saturday 8 September

10.00am - 11.00am Robert Butterworth – "Images and Legacy of the Great War from Original Artwork"

11.30am - 12.30pm Gwyn Thomas- "The legacy of War Memorials"

2.00pm - 3.00pm Geraldine Charles - "Poppy Fields and eBay: using WWI memorabilia to trace ancestry"

See the Suffolk Archives website for further details of the talks

Cautley and Barefoot: Ipswich's architects

Saturday 8 September 10.00am - 1.00pm Ipswich

Come and see the plans of Ipswich buildings, designed by the architects Cautley and Barefoot. Learn about how to undertake your property history research using the record office's collections.

Pop Up Record Office

Saturday 8 September 10.00am Halesworth

Visit our pop up record office at Halesworth Library and discover the records we hold, how to start your family and property history and learn about the upcoming events at Lowestoft Record Office.

Behind the scenes tours of Ipswich Record Office

Saturday 15 September 10.00am - 4.00pm Ipswich

A National Lottery grant of £10.3m to create a flagship heritage centre for Suffolk and transform people's access to their archives, was awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and will see the completion of The Hold beside the Ipswich Waterfront and launch an exciting and people-focused future for Suffolk's archive service.

More than just a building project, *The Hold: a Suffolk Archives Service for the 21st Century* is about engaging people right across the county and beyond with Suffolk's archives and heritage.

Vital to the project is an exciting programme of events, activities and learning opportunities, which will enable existing and new audiences to explore 900 years of archival material and share Suffolk's treasured stories. Come and see the architects' designs for the new building and take a tour behind the scenes of the Gatacre Road branch. During your visit you will have the opportunity to purchase Suffolk ordnance survey maps and publications by local authors in our map and book sale.

Ask the Archives

Saturday 15 September 10.00am Lowestoft

Drop in to Lowestoft Record Office and ask our staff your questions regarding family, property and local history.

See the Heritage Open Days website for other events happening in Suffolk

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

Family Activities

Half-term Halloween Crafts

Friday 26 October 10.30am & 2.00pm Ipswich

£2.50

Craft session for families with children over 5 years to make masks for Halloween using the weird and wonderful animals and people found in the record office's collections for inspiration. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Day of the Dead

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 November 10.00am Lowestoft

Come to Lowestoft Record Office to discover your ancestors this Day of the Dead. Get advice on starting your family tree and how to preserve your treasured records. Colouring available for all ages.

Free Talks

'Time Out': Old Lowestoft

Ivan Bunn

Tuesday 2 October

2.00pm

Lowestoft

Join local historian Ivan Bunn as he looks in to Old Lowestoft during the library's weekly "Time Out" sessions.

'Time Out': Starting your Family Tree

Katie Angus

Wednesday 17 October

10.30am

Halesworth

Join us at Halesworth Library and learn how to start your family history and the resources available to you during the library's weekly "Time Out" sessions.

Talks

£7.50

Collectable Picture Cards: Images and Legacy of the Great War

Robert Butterworth Snr.

Saturday 22 September

10.00am

Bury

This not to be missed presentation draws on a unique source of original artwork that was first used to illustrate collectable picture cards. The first half depicts significant events from WW1 and the second part, images from the enduring legacy of the Great War. Together they form a unique narrative. This lecture we shall have the artist himself in attendance whose presence will add depth to the presentation.

When Buffalo Bill came to East Anglia

Geoffrey Robinson

Saturday 22 September

10.30am

Ipswich

William 'Buffalo Bill' Cody was one of the world's greatest showmen in the late 19th century. Few people would know that he brought his Wild West Show to England for a nationwide tour in 1903-4. This talk looks at his life - the facts and the myths - and describes the week when he brought his entourage to East Anglia for shows in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Great Yarmouth. Learn more about this enigmatic man and see original film footage of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders.

Suffolk Women

Sarah Doig

Saturday 29 September

10.00am

Bury

A pot-pourri of Suffolk women, some well-known and some far less so, all of which achieved great things in their chosen field. Sarah Doig explores the fascinating lives of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and her sister, Millicent Fawcett, as well as the novelist Norah Lofts. She tells the story of the surgeon and herbalist Catherine Tollemache, the amazing 'Human Arrow', Pansy Chinery and many more of our County's heroines.

Treasures of Ipswich

John Field

Saturday 29 September

10.30am

Ipswich

This is a new talk which illustrates Ipswich's wide range of buildings and features of great architectural and historic importance. These include the town's Medieval Churches, Mansions and Halls, Nationally and Locally Listed Buildings and the many features and artefacts of local, national (and some of international) importance. The talk also explores some of the steps taken to conserve and enhance this built legacy and the breadth of Ipswich's rich history over 14 centuries and aims to create greater public awareness of this legacy in the local area and elsewhere.

Recording the County's landscape

Bridget Hanley

Friday 5 October

2.00pm

Ipswich

Find out about the work of some Suffolk 'antiquarians' represented in the Suffolk Record Office collections coming right up to the 21st century. You will have a chance to see stunning items by Hamlet Watling, Isaac Johnson, Craven Ord, William Fitch and others.

Enclosure and Tithe Records

Gill Blanchard

Saturday 6 October

10.00am

Bury

Discover how enclosure and tithe maps records can be used by family historians and local historians to find out about people and places. Find out how and why these records came into being. Learn how to find the records locally, nationally and online.

The Evolution of Assington's Workhouses: their changing architecture and occupants

Ray Whitehand

Saturday 20 October

10.30am

Ipswich

Ray Whitehand and the owners of this important listed building, Anne and Steve Smith, will talk about its various historical phases and their future plans. This will cover its construction in the 1780s, the conversion to four tenements in 1840, a 20th century decline into almost dereliction before its rebirth under the current owners. The lecture will be brought to life with stories of people involved, from the governors who ran the establishment, the inmates who lived and worked within its walls, to the somewhat eccentric lady who resided there in the 20th century. The results of recent research, which has uncovered an exciting and unique discovery within the site will be shared. There will be a question and answer session at the end.

The Black Death

Dr Mark Bailey

Saturday 27 October

10.00am

Bury

The Black Death killed half of the population of Suffolk in 1349, and returned again in 1361 and repeatedly thereafter. This seminar will sketch the latest research on the

disease and its spread, and its impact on local communities, using examples drawn from Suffolk material.

Fire!

Sarah Doig

Saturday 3 November

10.30am

Ipswich

To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night on the fifth of November we 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!

The Bury Fayre

Victoria Savoulidis

Friday 9 November

10.00am

Bury

From bustling commercial beginnings with royal patronage and mercantile trading, via the gentrified sporting events, sideshows and dances of the 16th to 18th centuries, Bury Fair was widely perceived as 'an immoral nuisance' by the time the upstanding Victorians came into play. But was it really worthy of such an exciting-sounding title?

'Four years, three months and one week of Armageddon': the Great War as experienced in the diary of a farmer's wife at Shotley, Suffolk

Ed Packard

Saturday 10 November

10.00am

Bury

When the Great War began, Alice Packard was a fifty-seven year old tenant farmer's wife in the village of Shotley. From the appearance of casualties at Shotley Barracks in early August 1914, following the sinking of HMS Amphion off the Suffolk coast, to the surrender of German U-boats on the River Stour in November 1918, the war sporadically intruded upon - yet rarely overwhelmed - Alice's everyday life. This talk uses her wartime diaries to explore the various ways that she experienced the Great War, and to challenge entrenched stereotypes about the 'home front'.

The Primrose League in Suffolk

Tracey Hickey

Saturday 10 November

10.30am

Ipswich

Tracy Hickey presents a history of this popular voluntary organisation and its efforts to support Conservatism in Suffolk from the end of the 19th century. The League marked the beginning of a new era of popular politics, drawing in members to entertainments and mass public meetings in nearly every town and village of the county. The talk will reveal its most energetic activists, its role in local elections and its transformational effect on women.

Suffolk on The Home Front

Sarah Doig

Saturday 17 November

10.00am

Bury

This absorbing talk explores the huge effect of the First World War on Suffolk people. Sarah Doig follows the story of the mass recruitment drives for young soldiers and how our rural communities and farming were affected. She also tells of the drastic changes to women's life and work, as well as taking a look at the memorials established in parishes to honour their war dead.

Discovering the Dales and Crofts

Louise Kennedy

Thursday 22 November

2.00pm

Ipswich

Do you live in a modern house and think this means there is nothing to find out about its history or the land it is built on? Come with archivist Louise Kennedy on a virtual walk around the Dales and Crofts area of Ipswich. This mainly residential area holds some interesting secrets and Louise's talk will tell you how the area has changed over the past 100 years. From digging up ancient skeletons and discovering a hidden railway bridge to innovative architecture and a changing landscape. There is a history right there under your feet to discover.

I didn't find it on the internet: records for family history not available online but at your county record office

Emma Sealy

Saturday 24 November

10.30am

Ipswich

This talk will introduce visitors to how they can use Suffolk Record Office archives in their family history research. A variety of archives including nonconformist, employment, poor law, school, apprenticeship and probate records will be available for visitors to look through.

'Welcome, my lord Sir Christemas!'

Sarah Doig

Saturday 8 December

10.00am

Bury

Sarah Doig explores the many Medieval and Tudor Christmas traditions, some of which we continue today, and some not. She explains the origins of customs which seemingly turn the world on its head at this festive season, such as the appointing of a boy bishop, the Lord of Misrule and the King of the Bean. Sarah also looks at the origins of Christmas carols as well as shedding light on all our favourite festive foodstuffs.

Five week courses
£37.50

Tracing Your House History
Gill Blanchard

Starts Thursday 20 September 10.00am Bury
Established historian and *Who Do You Think You Are?* magazine contributor, Gill Blanchard, helps you discover the main resources to trace the history of a house or other property and how to locate key documents. Find out where your ancestors lived and worked.
Explore the sources that can tell you who lived in your home at different points in time and when it was built.

Ten Week Courses
£75

'Portraits of Ladies' from Austen to Woolf: Changes in Fictional Approaches to Women

Ulrike Horstmann-Guthrie

Starts Thursday 20 September 2.00pm Bury
A reappraisal of some favourite classics which we may read differently in the light of literary and social developments of the last few decades: Jane Austen, *Emma* (1816), Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights* (1847), Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre* (1847) and Elizabeth Gaskell, *North and South* (1855).

Taster Workshops
£7.50

Discovering Parish Records
Kerry Meal

Saturday 13 October 11.00am Lowestoft
Just starting out on your family history and want to know more about parish registers? Would you like to see and handle original registers as opposed to microfiche or entries on-line? If you said yes to these questions why not sign up for our introduction to parish registers and learn how to get the best out of these most valuable family history resources.

Exploring Wills and Probate: Procedures for Proving a Will
Ivan Bunn

Saturday 10 November 11.00am Lowestoft
This short course will explore the use of wills and probate records, together with procedures for proving a will. These records can often be an invaluable asset to family historians as they can contain additional information not always available from other sources.

Researching School Records

Kerry Meal

Saturday 8 December

11.00am

Lowestoft

School records are one of the few sources which can be used to trace children so how about diving in to these fascinating resources to investigate your ancestors' education. We will be using original records so why not come and explore the world of admission registers, log books, exercise books as well as punishment books. Time to find out if your ancestor was naughty or nice!

Workshops

£25.00

Palaeography

Bridget Hanley

Part 1 Monday 17 September

2.00pm

Ipswich

Part 2 Monday 24 September

2.00pm

Ipswich

Palaeography is the study of old handwriting and this two part workshop introduces you to the basic techniques for reading local documents, written in English, from 1600-1750. You will use examples from Suffolk Record Office's collections.

Part 1: Letters, abbreviations, numerals, money, dating, measurements, punctuation and language.

Part 2: parish registers, wills, inventories, bonds and deeds.

The Hold: A Suffolk Archives Service for the 21st Century

In 2018 Suffolk Record Office will start to deliver a new county wide Activity Plan as a crucial part of the Heritage Lottery Fund supported project *The Hold: a Suffolk Archives Service for the 21st Century*. Its aim is to engage more people than ever before with the county's archival heritage, and to support communities to run their own heritage activities.

Sharing Suffolk Stories is the name of the first Activity Plan project that will start in 2018.

Why participate? The project will see participating groups supported to explore the stories that matter to their community or area of interest.

Your research journey can start with you looking at our historic maps for inspiration but go on to explore the full range of archival sources available. Your research could take you anywhere: a "lost" event or place, a hidden story, something sporting, something musical, oral history, or contemporary collecting - the sky's the limit!

You will be supported to go on and share the results of your work to people in your community and further afield. From talks, walks, leaflets and exhibitions, to digital stories, art, writing, music and drama; we want the archives to inspire.

What will happen next? A Community and Learning Officer will look to recruit participants, initially in east Suffolk. A second officer will start in 2019 to cover the west of the county. So if you have a *Sharing Suffolk Stories* idea, share it with us at archives@suffolk.gov.uk

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You can also find out the latest news about *The Hold: a Suffolk Archives Service for the 21st Century* project on our website at: www.thehold.org.uk

We do our best to avoid changing or cancelling events but sometimes it's unavoidable. Where possible we will notify people in advance and post updates on our website and through our social media accounts.

If you cancel your booking it is non-refundable. In the event of Suffolk Record Office cancelling we will offer you the opportunity to book another course or have your payment refunded.

Booking form

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Record Office Visits

Are you a member of a society or group? Have you thought of going behind the scenes at an archive to learn about how records are selected, preserved, stored and shared with the public?

Suffolk Record Office's popular day time and evening visits include a strongroom tour, a talk on the record office and a selection of archives tailored to your group's interests.

£60 day time and £65 evening