

Suffolk Record Office Spring Events

1 January — 30 June 2009



Norfolk and Cambridgeshire police drafted in for the General Strike outside restaurant in Queen Street, 1926. SROI: K681/1/262/269

Free Family Activities in Lowestoft Record Office

Family Tree Charts

FREE

Sunday 22 March 11.00am — 3.00pm Lowestoft
A drop in family activity with an opportunity to create your first Family tree.

Find Out About Your House

FREE

Sunday 7 June 11.00am-3.00pm
Have you ever wondered who used to live in your house? Be your own House Detective and find out. Drop in activity for families.

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Post code Tel.....

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: sheila.reed@libher.suffolkcc.gov.uk

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Tel 01284 352360

Ipswich Record Office
Gatacre Road
IPSWICH
IP1 2LQ
Tel 01473 584541

Lowestoft Record Office
Central Library
Clapham Road
LOWESTOFT
NR32 1DR
Tel 01502 405357

Talks:

Suffolk Life & Times; Death & Disease;
Celebrating Tudor Suffolk

Walks:

Explore Lowestoft & Oulton Broad

Find Out About...

Your Ancestors, Old Handwriting, Old Maps,
Your Old House or Your Old Inn

Bite Size Family History

Please check our web site for other information
www.suffolk.gov.uk/RecordOffice

Celebrating Tudor Suffolk

2009 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Accession of Henry VIII. His reign left a lasting impact in Suffolk. Clive Paine continues his major series of talks on the Tudor Dynasty.

The Reign of Henry VIII in Suffolk **£5.50**
 Saturday 17 January 10.30am Bury
 Saturday 17 January 2.00pm Ipswich
 Themes include Cardinal Wolsey, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, Taxation Riots, the local militia, religious changes, mansions and diet.

The Dissolution of the Monasteries **£5.50**
 Saturday 31 January 10.30am Bury
 Saturday 31 January 2.00pm Ipswich
 Between 1535 and 1539 all the monastic houses in Suffolk were closed by Henry VIII. Why did it happen? How did it happen? And what were the consequences?

Kett's Rebellion in East Anglia **£5.50**
 Saturday 7 February 10.30am Bury
 Saturday 7 February 2.00pm Ipswich
 Robert Kett led a protest over enclosure, common rights, rents and the role of the clergy. This developed into a rebellion or uprising, with vast numbers camping outside the main towns, eventually capturing Norwich, the second city in the land.

Queen of Hearts v Bloody Mary **£5.50**
 Saturday 21 February 10.30am Bury
 Back by popular demand—a repeat of last year's talk. In June 1553 the future direction of England hung in the balance. The fate of Lady Jane Grey, the 'nine days Queen' was settled in East Anglia. We investigate the role played by local families, religious loyalties and local towns during the crisis.

Images of Elizabeth I **£5.50**
 Saturday 7 March 10.30am Bury
 Using a range of paintings, portraits, drawings and descriptions of Elizabeth, we trace the development of 'image' and 'spin' that created her almost goddess status.

Bite Size Family History in Bury Record Office

Have you always wanted to research your family history, but not had the time? Do you know how to begin? Well these new half hour lunch time sessions in Bury could be just what you need to get started. You bring the sandwiches and we supply the hot drink and teach you how to research your family history.

12.15—12.45 **£2.50**
 Friday 23 January How to begin—your first family tree
 Friday 6 February Exploring the census
 Friday 27 February Civil registration

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Booking Form

Cost of 1/2 hour bite size session	£2.50
Cost of 2 hour coffee & cake lecture	£5.50
Cost of 1 hour Internet taster session	£5.00
Cost of evening lecture	£7.50
Cost of 2 hour Find out about 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.

Find Out About Family History websites...

There are a bewildering number of sites on the Internet to help you trace your family history. These sessions take you through some of the basic sites using case studies. Introduction to websites looks at Ancestry, IGI and the National Archives website.

Introduction to websites (1 hour)		£5.00
Friday 16 January	2.00pm	Bury
Thursday 5 February	2.00pm	Ipswich
Friday 24 April	2.00pm	Bury
Thursday 14 May	2.00pm	Ipswich

For a more in-depth view of Ancestry, a 2 hour session is available where you can gain 'hands-on' practice using the site. Most of the learning is achieved by using case studies, but there will be an opportunity for you to undertake some personal research too.

Making the most of Ancestry (2 hours)		£10.00
Saturday 17 January	10.30am	Lowestoft
Tuesday 31 March	2.00pm	Lowestoft

Find Out About Old Maps

This two hour session aims to give researchers a basic history of map making using examples from the collections.

Old Maps		£10.00
Monday 23 February	2.00pm	Lowestoft

Queen Elizabeth's Progress in Suffolk		£5.50
Saturday 21 March	10.30am	Bury
Saturday 21 March	2.00pm	Ipswich
Progresses were a feature of Elizabeth's reign and a means of displaying 'majesty' to the subjects. Many houses claim 'Queen Elizabeth slept here' - but where did she sleep in Suffolk?		

Suffolk Life and Times

Frolic, Fun and Fornication		
Pip Wright		£5.50
Saturday 24 January	2.00pm	Ipswich
The registers and papers that once lay in the parish chests of Suffolk villages contain all kinds of items that could so easily have been thrown away or never written at all. The surprises they reveal about the people of Suffolk in past centuries is remarkable. This talk is all about the things you never expected to find written in the parish records of Suffolk		

Learning their letters:Charities and Education in Suffolk 1700-1900		
Nick Sign		£5.50
Saturday 7 February	10.00am	Ipswich
Having assessed the extent of school provision in Suffolk in the early 18th century, the talk will explore advances made in educational opportunity by 1900.		

"Sloightly on the huh"		
Charlie Haylock		£5.50
Saturday 21 February	10.00am	Ipswich
An eccentric look at Suffolk, its dialect, characters, social history and why Suffolk people are asked what part of Australia they are from!		

Creating Theatre from Local Sources		
Ivan Cutting		£5.50
Saturday 7 March	10.30am	Ipswich
Ivan will be talking about documentary theatre (or verbatim theatre as it's now called) and how local records and history can be used to bring the past to life and recreate it on stage with a special insight into the crafts and skills of a bygone age.		

Charity Education

Clive Paine

£5.50

Saturday 4 April

10.30am

Bury

Saturday 4 April

2.00pm

Ipswich

Using the records of local schools we will investigate the motivation for establishing free charity schools for poor children, the curriculum, rules, text books and the career prospects of the pupils.

The Great Rising of 1381:- The Peasants' Revolt

Dr John Ridgard

£5.50

Saturday 18 April

10.30am

Ipswich

The Great Rising of 1381 has been compared with the Civil War 1642-1660 for its importance to the development of English Society. Suffolk was one of the counties most involved in this rebellion. This talk sets out to examine the background, issues, organisation and principal events in June 1381. Who were the rebel leaders? What were the long term effects of the rebellion?

The little red money box and its predecessors

Dr Pat Murrell

£5.50

Wednesday 22 April

10.30am

Bury

The tale of Savings Bank House, Bury St Edmunds designed by one of the country's leading Tudor Gothic revivalist architects: Lewis Nockalls Cottingham. This lecture charts the 18th and 19th century history of the site on the edge of the Great Churchyard.

Hawstead, Hardwick and Horticulture

Dr Pat Murrell

£5.50

Wednesday 6 May

10.30am

Bury

Some of the fine specimen trees remaining today on Hardwick heath in Bury St Edmunds were planted during the eighteenth century by successive generations of the Cullum Family. This lecture is a rare opportunity to learn more about these green-fingered Cullums whose interest in horticulture also involved them in correspondence with John Evelyn, Sir Joseph Banks, Sir James Smith and other leading botanists of the day.

Find Out About Your Old Building...

If you are interested in finding out about the history of a building, we can teach you how to do your research. Part 1 shows you sources that can take you back into the early 1800s. If you want to go back even further in your property history then Part 2 looks at earlier records using one of Suffolk's lovely old inns as a case study. These 2 hour sessions are a must for anyone planning to research the history of a building.

Your Old House Part 1

£10.00

Saturday 24 January

10.00am

Bury

Thursday 12 February

2.00pm

Ipswich

Thursday 5 March

2.00pm

Lowestoft

Thursday 30 April

2.00pm

Ipswich

Your Old House Part 2

£10.00

Saturday 14 February

10.00am

Bury

Find Out About Old Handwriting...

Reading and interpreting old documents can be challenging. This mini series of two lessons can help you to get started. The first session introduces the letters you need to recognise and looks at some of the common words in documents. The second session will help those who have attended the first session or have some experience.

Old Handwriting 1

£10.00

Wednesday 11 February

2.00pm

Lowestoft

Old Handwriting 2

£10.00

Wednesday 20 May

2.00pm

Lowestoft

Find Out About Your Ancestors...

If you are interested in finding out about your ancestors, we can teach you how to begin your research in our 2 hour sessions. Part 1 consists of an introductory talk on parish registers, civil registration and the census. There is also an opportunity for you to plan your own research.

Part 2 looks at other useful sources such as poor law papers, wills and school records to help you find out how your ancestors lived.

Your Ancestors Part 1		£10.00
Thursday 22 January	10.00am	Ipswich
Friday 30 January	2.00pm	Bury
Thursday 19 March	10.00am	Ipswich
Monday 20 April	2.00pm	Lowestoft
Thursday 21 May	10.00am	Ipswich
Thursday 11 June	2.00pm	Lowestoft

Your Ancestors Part 2		£10.00
Thursday 22 January	2.00pm	Lowestoft
Friday 27 February	10.00am	Ipswich
Friday 6 March	2.00pm	Bury
Friday 24 April	10.00am	Ipswich
Monday 11 May	2.00pm	Lowestoft
Friday 26 June	10.00am	Ipswich

Find Out About Your Military Ancestors

Local Regimental records contain a wealth of information—from what battles the Battalion fought to who scored the most in the rifle contest. This session explains how to find out what your ancestor did in the Army using these fascinating records.

Army Ancestors		£10.00
Tuesday 12 May	10.30am	Bury

Death & Disease in Suffolk

Black Death

Clive Paine **£5.50**

Saturday 18 April	10.30am	Bury
Saturday 18 April	2.00pm	Ipswich

Using manorial court rolls and records of the induction of parish clergy, we will trace the spread, impact and consequences of the disease in the Spring and Summer of 1349.

Kill or Cure—Suffolk's Age of Agony; medicine 1660-1830

Dr Pat Murrell **£5.50**

Saturday 9 May	2.30pm	Bury
Tuesday 12 May	2.00pm	Ipswich

In an age before anaesthetics, antiseptics or antibiotics, this lecture considers quackery, home curers, local epidemics, the medical fraternity and the County's first General Hospital.

Anatomists and Body Snatchers

Dr Pat Murrell **£5.50**

Saturday 16 May	2.30pm	Bury
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As Georgian surgeons' demands for bodies to study outstripped the supply available, the 'Resurrection Men' performed their sinister work in churchyards throughout the country. This talk draws together the local evidence for such 'goings-on' in East Anglia. It will also consider the first, legitimately obtained, body dissected in the newly funded county hospital—that of William Corder of Red Barn fame!

The Plague

Clive Paine **£5.50**

Saturday 30 May	10.30am	Bury
Saturday 30 May	2.00pm	Ipswich

There were at least five major plague epidemics between 1604 and 1666. We will examine the impact on local communities, families and individuals, using Parish Registers, Wills, Briefs and Court Records.

Guided Walks

Rise and Fall of Lowestoft Harbour

Ivan Bunn £5.50
Sunday 26 April 11.00am Lowestoft
A walk exploring the enthralling history of the growth and decline of Lowestoft harbour, culminating with a visit to the Mincarolo (last surviving fishing vessel built in Lowestoft) for a tour.

Oulton Broad: from common land to tourism

Ivan Bunn £5.50
Saturday 13 June 11.00am Lowestoft
Join this popular walk with local historian Ivan Bunn, exploring the fascinating history of Oulton Broad, the Gateway to the Broads. The starting point for this walk will be Oulton Broad Library. Bookings to be made through Lowestoft Record Office.

An exploration of Culinary Delights at Bury Record Office

Saturday 6 June—from 10.15am
£15.00 including lunch

Considerable quantities of food and drink were consumed by royalty, nobility and gentry on high days and holidays throughout the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Celebrations demanded great feasts and the celebrity chefs of the day did their best to provide collations that would delight the eye as much as the palate. The first lecture offers a verbal and visual slice of the 'goodies' then available, while the second takes a closer look at the 'Jamie Olivers' of the period—Robert May, Patrick Lamb, Charles Carter etc.

Programme for the day:

10.15 Welcome, including tea or coffee
10.30 Lecture by Suffolk Historian Dr Pat Murrell:
 **“Royal Feasts and Feasting in Late Stuart
 and Early Georgian Times”**
12.00 Lunch
1.30 Dr Pat Murrell will give her second lecture of the day:
 “Celebrity chefs—royal chefs and their cook books”
3.00 Tea
3.30 Finale: A chance to see some of the documents and books
 that inspired and informed the work of Dr Murrell

Record Office Courses

10 week course

Medieval Suffolk Clive Paine

Fee £55.00

Starts Monday 12 January 2.00pm Bury
Repeated Thursday 15 January 10.00am Bury

We will examine the social, religious and economic background and the sources that can be used to study the period. Themes will include life on the manor, castles, houses, the church, textile industry and agriculture, Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt.

5 week course

Landscape History Clive Paine

Fee £27.50

Starts Thursday 23 April 10.00am Bury
During this five week course we will use maps, population sources, parish and estate records to explore how Local Historians can trace changes to the rural and urban landscape, from Medieval times to the Victorian period.

5 week course

Paupers, Workhouses and the Poor Law Clive Paine

Fee £27.50

Starts Friday 24 April 10.00am Bury

The focus of this five week course will be on the sources that can be used by Family and Local Historians in the study of 'The Poor'. Themes will include the differences between the Old and New Poor Laws, Parish, Hundred and Union workhouses; Settlement and Removal, Bastardy, Apprenticeship; life in the workhouse and pauper migration.