



'It's about time'

In this term's edition of the newsletter, we bring you information about activities connected to one of our cataloguing projects, and report of the screening of *Erpingham on Film*.

Erpingham on film: The history of the school

You may remember that in the last edition of *It's about time*, we mentioned a project with Erpingham Primary School and Aylsham Heritage Centre, looking into the history of the village school.

Since then, the pupils have spent time interviewing former pupils and teachers to find out more about their time at the school. They gave a tour of the school to former pupils, including one gentlemen who had not been in the building for over 50 years.



Pupils looking at the writing box, which was awarded to Elise Gall, teacher at Erpingham in 1920

Staff worked hard with the help of a volunteer and editing software lent by Dragon Hall's King Street



Enjoying their first look at the completed film

Community Voices project, to create the final version of the film. The first screening of the film took place in early November, as part of the BBC's Reel History project. Thirty-four pupils, parents and others watched the screening and got the chance to see some of the original documents and

artefacts used in the film.

'Work of an Archivist' workshop at Cringleford

Following on from information in our autumn edition of *It's about time*, we were approached by Cringleford Primary School to run a session on the work of an archivist. The pupils played the indenture game to find out what archives are and the work of the Norfolk Record Office, before having a go at placing in chronological order photographs showing what happens to documents within our care.

The pupils were particularly interested in their own documents, held at the Record Office, and had a look at entries in the log



Pupils looking at the local area in 1900

books about the school during the Second World War, the inspector's report in the 1950s and plans of the school as it was in the early 1980s. All of the pupils enjoyed the session, and were thrilled to find out what happened in the school before they were born.

PGCE primary students sessions

Staff from the Norfolk Record Office visited the University of East Anglia in late November and early December to deliver two sessions on how archives can be used in schools. The sessions enabled the students to look at a number of documents regularly used in our workshops. These included two letters written by Lord Nelson, before and after he lost his arm, and a letter written by a child evacuated from Norfolk during the Second World War.

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Gunton Extended schools sessions

In early 2011, we were awarded funding to secure the future of the records of the Gunton Estate in North Norfolk. As part of the project surrounding the purchase of these records we have employed a project archivist to catalogue the material from the estate. In November, we provided two extended school sessions for the Hewett Cluster. Nine pupils participated in the first workshop, in which they took part in a quiz to look at the differences between rich households in urban and rural areas in Norfolk, using plans of the buildings and

maps of the estates. Then they had a look at the items bought by one of the cooks, which included ginger, before having a go at making their very own ginger beer.

In the second session, the pupils looked more closely at the lands owned by the Harbord family in North Norfolk. To do this they completed a jigsaw puzzle of the different parishes owned by the estate, and then had a go at making a tower, based on a plan for a tower at Overstand.



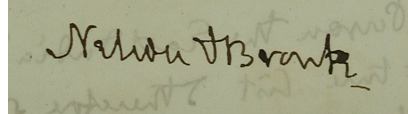
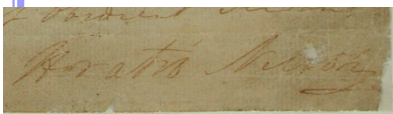
Working on the quiz questions



Making ginger beer

PGCE primary students sessions

For both sets of documents, the students discussed what insights they would give to their pupils, from the use of language, and the style of writing, as well as the content. This information helped to form a discussion on how each document could, and is, used within the classroom. Finally, the students had a look the trade directory activity which forms part of our local history workshop. In this activity, the pupils go shopping in the 1900s, using an Ordnance Survey map to find out where different shops were, a trade directory to see who owned those businesses in 1900 and photographs to see what each business entailed. Students also got some time to have a look at the variety of packs and resources the record office provides for schools.



Signature of Lord Nelson before (left hand-side) and after (right hand-side) he lost his arm.

The Carnival Archive Project—Get Collecting!

Thanks to an award from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the UK Centre for Carnival Arts and Norwich and Norfolk Community Arts (NORCA) are launching a major regional Carnival Archive project. The project also has an exciting education programme that will bring archive and carnival related activities to local schools, colleges and universities, linking the history of carnival to the present and fostering new generations of carnivalists. Staff will be contacting schools very soon to discuss workshops and INSET training days.

For more information about the project and volunteering please contact Cathie Davies, Archive Co-ordinator on cathie@carnivalarts.org.uk, Laura Crossley Archive Learning and Outreach Officer on laura@carnivalarts.org.uk or contact NORCA on 01603 760529



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