



# 'It's about time'

In this edition, we have an update on the leisure and tourism resource, and information on various workshops we have provided.

## Reepham High School—Creative and Media Diploma

In November 2011, we visited a Year 11 group taking the Creative and Media Diploma course at Reepham High School. The students were working on Unit 4 – Record, in which they were learning how to create a record of something using digital photography and audio recording. During the workshop, pupils learnt how documents can tell us about the past, and the practices of record-keeping. Next, they looked at some of our material and an archive film to find out about Norfolk in the 1950s.



Pupils looking at documents from Norfolk in the 1950s

The documents concentrated on the Queen's Coronation in 1953, the Norwich Festival in 1951 and on various sporting and social events. These included Norwich City Football Club reaching the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1959, Norwich speedway team and the Royal Norfolk Show.

After the workshop, the pupils worked individually, developing ideas for a series of documentary photographs and an audio recording that they will be exhibiting in an exhibition entitled *(North) Norfolk Life*. This work focused on a place, person, pastime/hobby or a theme, such as 'technology'. The results of their work will be on display in the new year, location to be confirmed.

## Update on the leisure and tourism resource

You may remember that in the last edition of *It's about time* we told you about a forthcoming resource looking at the leisure and tourism industry in Norfolk. Since then, we have produced recordings to go on to the resource, finalised the notes sections and completed the links. After that, we visited Cliff Park High School in Gorleston to trial the resource. The pupils had a lesson using one of the suggested activities, which incorporated looking at the documents and listening to a sound recording.

The findings from this session are being added to the final resource, which will be available on our website this term. Keep an eye out on <http://archives.norfolk.gov.uk>, or see our next edition of the newsletter for more details.



Pupils from Cliff Park High School trialling the resource

## Great Yarmouth College workshop

Following on from a joint workshop which we ran at the Research and Practice in Adult Literacy conference at the University of East Anglia, alongside staff from the Association of Colleges in the Eastern Region, we had a request for a workshop for Great Yarmouth College. In November, staff visited the college to work with eight adult literacy students.

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## UEA volunteers for the Gunton Project



Claire making notes on the contents of an agent's out-letter book (Interim Reference GTN 163)

During the Autumn Term, we had three students, Claire Sangster (BA History student at University of East Anglia), Alexandra Healey (BA English Literature and Cultural Studies student at Norwich City College) and Jennie Marston (a graduate of the University of Wales, Lampeter, who studied Ancient History and Classical Studies) volunteering at the record office. They looked at agents' out-letter books for the Gunton estate as part of one of our current cataloguing projects. Their notes will be used to add detail to the relevant catalogue entries. In addition, the students have transcribed some of the records which will feature in the Gunton exhibition in the New Year.

## UEA Gawdy Hall project

Third-year Landscape and Archaeology students from the University of East Anglia visited the Norfolk Record Office in October 2011. The students are currently working on a case study looking at the landscape of Gawdy Hall, near Harleston. During the visit, the students had the chance to find out how to use the searchroom for their own research, had a look at our strongrooms to see where the material is kept and saw the Conservation Studio, where the Senior Conservator explained how different documents are repaired.

Finally, the students got to see some of the documents which we hold relating to Gawdy Hall, including maps, sales particulars and a valuation of the hall. This is the second year that students have visited the Record Office. After last year's visit, all the students came back individually to carry out further research. Their tutor stated that their assessments benefited greatly from this. We hope that this year's visit will help the students equally and look forward to seeing the current second-year students when they begin their final year, next Autumn.



Students looking at documents relating to Gawdy Hall

## Great Yarmouth College workshop (cont. from overleaf)

The students had to place seven documents in chronological order, using clues such as handwriting and format. Next, the students had the chance to find out about the history of Great Yarmouth in general, by looking at postcodes from the town, a poster about not sending children to sea and a series of cartoons entitled *Humors of Norfolk*. In addition, they also got to see documents relating to the area surrounding the college, including school plans, burial records, census returns and maps. The students will be visiting The Archive Centre in 2012, and we will be sure to update you on how their visit went in a future edition of the newsletter.



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