

'It's about time'

In this term's edition of the newsletter we have reports on a new project to help Wymondham schools commemorate the First World War, and an update on the Great Yarmouth Heritage Schools.

New science pack out now!

Since January 2013 we have been working on two science resources with the help of a specialist. One of the resources, entitled *How can we transport and harness water?* Is suitable for both upper Key Stage 2 and lower Key Stage 3 pupils. The resource links in with the curriculum topics: 3.1- energy, electricity and forces and 4, particularly c- real life examples, g- sustainability and h- historical development.

The pack uses documents from Boulton and Paul, a Norwich manufacturing and engineering firm which was in business from the middle of the seventeenth century to the late 1990s, relating to their Boulton Water Elevator. This material is enhanced by photographs and information about watermills from the Norfolk Windmills Trust. The pack is divided into four separate topics including water elevators, waterwheels and pulley systems. Each topic has an experiment based on the information included in the documents, complete with diagrams, a video and an explanation to enable pupils to understand what is happening.

The pack is free of charge and can be downloaded at <<http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/e-Resources/Teaching-Packs/NCC098694>>

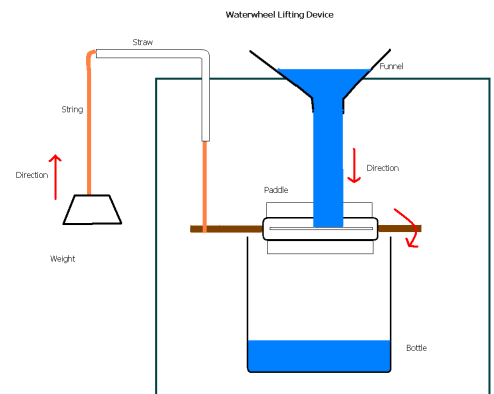


Diagram of the waterwheel experiment from the pack

Update on the Heritage Schools

As part of the Heritage Schools Project staff from the history department at Lynn Grove High School visited the Record Office at the end of last term. They discussed with the NRO's Education and Outreach Officer the possibility of bringing a group of students to The Archive Centre and learnt how to use the searchroom to carry out their own research. The teachers spent the rest of the day using original documents to research Gorleston in the First and Second World Wars (particularly focusing on Zeppelin raids), witchcraft in Norfolk and the Black Death in Great Yarmouth. The teachers had a great day getting hands-on with the documents and following up leads they found during their research. We are looking forward to seeing how these documents are used in the classroom over the coming year.

If you would like to come in to use the Record Office for your own research, please don't hesitate to contact us. Using the searchroom is completely free of charge; staff are on hand to show you the ropes; and there is also a video available online (at <http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/Visiting-Us/index.htm>) which explains the process.



The NRO searchroom

School resources

Don't forget! We have a number of school resources available both online and as hard-copy packs for use in your classroom. Titles for the history curriculum include: Lord Nelson: Norfolk Hero, Norfolk and the Abolition of Slavery, Twentieth-Century Conflicts, A Norfolk Market Town in 1900, and Crime and Punishment. For geography we also have: How has Leisure and Tourism Changed in Norfolk and how can it be Shaped for the Future?

To find out more please look at the teaching packs section of our website
< <http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/e-Resources/Teaching-Packs/index.htm>>

Due to changes in the curriculum - watch out for more packs coming soon!

Wymondham during the First World War

In September 2013 we are welcoming a group of students from Wymondham High School and Wymondham College, as part of an HLF funded project run by the Wymondham Cluster extended schools provision. 15 students from each school will take part in an after-school club during the Autumn Term, during which they will work on a script for a play about local people and the local area at the time of the First World War.

As part of their introduction the group will visit the Norfolk Record Office in order to find out how to carry out research into their chosen area. They will learn how to handle

documents, to use our searchroom and online catalogues and also spend some time thinking about how to interpret the documents they have found. After the session the students will be encouraged to visit the searchroom in their own time to carry out the research required for their play. The best script will be chosen to turn into a play which will be performed at a Festival Celebration Day on Saturday, 12 July 2014. This forms part of a larger project working with all 12 schools from the Wymondham area, who will create films, artwork and exhibits in the build up to the centenary of the start of the war. We hope to bring you more details in future editions of the newsletter.

1911 Census of Harcourt Howes of Wymondham at Norwich Barracks and First World War medal index card from www.ancestry.com

First World War Commemorative Exhibition

We mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter that we had been contacted by Gresham's School who were interested in working with us on our First World War exhibition. Since then six pupils have signed up to take part in the project. They will spend this term working on their research and curating their section of the exhibition. The pupils will participate in a total of five sessions, during which they will learn how to use our online catalogues, access material in the searchroom, and handle and interpret documents. They will have two research sessions, before spending the final session photographing the documents, creating the exhibition text and talking to the conservators about any work that needs to be carried out for the chosen documents to be displayed.

We look forward to bringing you the results of their work in forthcoming editions of the newsletter.



If you need *'It's about time'* in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language, please contact the County Archivist on 01603 222599 and we will do our best to help.

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