

'It's about time'

This term, we look ahead to exciting opportunities at NRO and in school as well as a shared First World War twilight event with the School Library Service, and look back at some inspiring workshops...



Can we support you?

At Norfolk Record Office: The Archive Centre, we can help you with workshops on a variety of topics: from the Second World War to your local area over time. We also welcome visits from school groups for 'Archive Experiences' including a behind-the-scenes tour, a look at some of the creepy-crawly enemies of our conservators, a chance to see our current exhibition – and more. Alternatively, we can come to you, and bring a WWII or local area theme with us.

Whatever you are studying this term, please do contact us if you think we can help – whether it's a school anniversary, local history project or something else.

Your area's Great War

As you'll no doubt be aware, First World War commemorations are upon us. If your school would like to study the impact of the War on your local area, then this event could be for you!

On **Tuesday, 25 March 2014**, Norfolk Record Office will be teaming up with the Norfolk School Library Service to run a twilight workshop for staff called 'World War One in Your Family Story'. The session will run from 4-6pm and take place in the SLS Training Room at County Hall (cost: one SLS token).

By the end of the session we hope you will have the skills to help pupils search for sources about people local to you who fought, and those who remained behind. We also hope you will leave with ideas to link your First World War project across geography, art, music and literacy.

Each delegate will receive 12 titles to use in the summer term - as well as refreshments! For more information, please contact NSLS on 01603 222265.

Also look out for the launch of the Theatre Royal's '**To End All Wars**' online resource, compiled with support from NRO. The site will go live on **Friday, 28 March 2014** at www.toendallwars.co.uk. It will include case studies of six Norfolk individuals who can help us find out more about life at home as well as at the front, and includes a look at politics, nursing, society, engineering, conscientious objectors and more.

Norwich Bomb Map

We are very pleased to announce that after five months of painstaking conservation work, the Norwich Bomb Map (section shown right) has now been digitised and images made available on DVD. The map shows locations of 679 bombs which fell on Norwich and is a great resource for the classroom.

Copies of the DVD are available for £10, (£11 with p&p). Please call 01603 222599 to order.



The Pastons and the Pursuit of Power

In December and January, we welcomed Bawburgh and Aldborough Primaries to workshops based around our exhibition about the Paston family and their influence in Norfolk and beyond (images throughout).

We worked in partnership with the Paston Heritage Society who provided activities during the workshops - from calligraphy to costume and from consulting 'wise woman' Mother Agnes to playing medieval games. Pupils also visited our strongrooms (which were 'awesome humungous cool!') and completed our exhibition trail.

Look out for activities and competitions coinciding with new exhibitions later this year – from May we'll be celebrating St Benet's Abbey and the Broads, and from August, Norfolk in the First World War.



Is our newsletter useful? Please email us with 'yes' or 'no' and any comments.

Downloadable resources

Did you know that our website contains downloadable resources for you to use in the classroom? Here are a couple of those available for KS2:

- ♦ 'What was the impact of the Second Air Division in East Anglia during the Second World War?' This pack is perfect for those of you close to WWII American Airfields – it looks at aeroplanes, missions, and cultural differences between the Americans and local people. This pack can be enhanced with a CD filled with remembrances from the Norfolk Sound Archive.
- ♦ 'Are we still in England?' This resource considers the impact of the Second World War on children, including evacuees, and uses letters, photographs and memoirs from children living through the conflict.

Many more, including the Tudors, Victorian Childhood, Leisure and Tourism, Changes to the Body in Flight and Harnessing the Power of Water are available on our website at www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk (click 'Learning for all' on the left-hand menu).



Family Learning

We recently completed a series of 'Family, History and Fun' workshops with Lionwood Junior School and Adult Education.

Pupils, along with members of their family, explored their own ancestors through census and parish registers entries, learnt about handling documents, created memory boxes and worked towards a fantastic assembly, showcasing their work to the rest of the school.



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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