

# 'It's about time'

**Greetings from the Archive Education and Outreach department!** The days are getting longer as we near the end of the school year. This newsletter gives you information on a project we are doing in the west of the county. As always, if you wish to contact us, our details are provided on the back of this newsletter.

## Are you interested in intergenerational work?

In recent years, many schools have started carrying out projects involving intergenerational work. Many schools have concentrated on work between pupils and elderly members of their local community. This could take place in the form of a question-and-answer session involving the whole class, or as an interview involving only a small number of pupils. However, if your school wishes to carry out the work, children find it fascinating to talk to adults about their differing experiences.



Equipment in the Norfolk Sound Archive Control Room

The Norfolk Sound Archive is able to help if you want to go one step further. Oral history is becoming increasingly popular and is a good way of recording the information given in these sessions. The Norfolk Sound Archive can provide expert advice on oral history, as well as

loaning recording equipment. If you would like to record pupils at your school, interviewing elderly people as part of an oral history project, then get in touch with our Norfolk Sound Archive Staff on (01603) 222599.



The first visitor to the Norfolk Sound Archive, after it opened to the public in May 2005.

## Local Resources

The national curriculum for history makes it clear that, for effective teaching, teachers and pupils need to use a range of sources including documents, photographs and oral sources. There are several national curriculum text books, but we think we can offer you and your pupils more - original documents relating to your own locality, bringing vividly to life aspects of history discussed at national level. Topics like Victorian poverty, welfare state, and the history of medicine, can be given so much more meaning by using examples from local sources. Local diaries and journals can bring alive topics like being an evacuee in the Second World War.

Teachers are very busy people and may not have as much time as they would like to develop their ideas. We can help you to choose local documents and photographs appropriate to the themes that you are teaching. We are here to help - try us!!!!

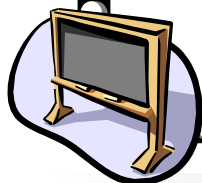
## Learning Links



The Norfolk Record Office has received funding for a project working with three primary schools in the west of Norfolk. One teacher from each school will spend two days on placement at the Archive Centre in Norwich. They will work closely with NRO Education and Outreach staff to choose documents relating to their local area. Once the documents have been selected, the teachers will take copies of them back to their classroom to use as resources for a number of lessons. The project will be completed by March 2006, after which we plan to launch a booklet providing details and an evaluation of the project, along with examples of pupils' work. Look out for details of the launch in later editions of this newsletter. Although aimed at Primary Schools, this project may be of interest to teachers of year 8 and 9 pupils. We plan to keep you up to date on the developments of the project in later newsletters.

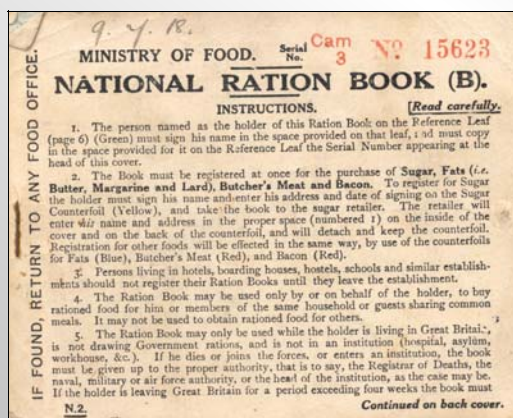


Walpole St Andrew Church of England School,  
Building Grant Plan, 1848  
Ref: P/BG 122



## Still available!

We have two packs aimed at Key Stage 3 pupils. These are *Twentieth-century Conflicts* and a *Norfolk Market Town*. The *Twentieth-century Conflicts* pack focuses on the First and Second World Wars and the Cold War. It links in with QCA History Study Unit 18 (Hot war, cold war) and features documents relating to personal experiences of individuals. The *Norfolk Market Town* pack focuses on Diss as a 'typical' Norfolk Market Town, and links in with QCA History Study Units 11 (Snapshot 1900) and 12 (Industrial change) for year 8 pupils.



Ministry of Food National Ration Book,  
issued to RH Flood, Norwich, 1918  
Ref: MC 630/15, 784x2  
(from *Twentieth-century conflicts*)

## Kett's Rebellion

Our latest pack is entitled *Kett's Rebellion, 1549*. The pack includes documents which reveal the build-up to the rebellion, and explain the events during the rebellion itself. The pack also looks into how the historical interpretation has changed in the 450 years after the rebellion, and encourages pupils to question why. The pack costs £14.95 and can be obtained by calling (01603) 222599.



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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