

Outlook



What's happening in Warwickshire
May - October 2009

Free Tickets Offer

Book any of the following workshops and get a free ticket to a Wednesday evening talk at St John's House Museum

Saturday 5th September

Calligraphy Workshop

Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th October

Highlights from the Costume Collection

Saturday 3rd October

Bookbinding Workshop

For further information or to make booking please telephone 01926 412069

'Memories of work and industry in Nuneaton & Bedworth – a 20th century oral history'

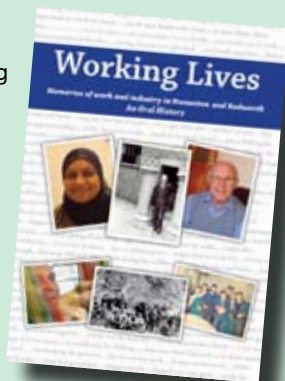
Real Stories from Real People - local people share their memories of life and work

Bowler hats, fezzes, Concorde's nose, sheepskin coats, banners, ribbons, chimney pots, drainage pipes, shoes, bricks for the Empire State Building, car parts, needles, knickers ... all made in Nuneaton and Bedworth throughout the 20th century.

The A4 soft backed book contains over 65 pages of colourful text, quotes and illustrations with a CD sampler of interviews.

The book is on sale for £7.99 and is available at the following libraries:

Atherstone
Bedworth
Bedworth Heath
Bulkington
Camp Hill
Keresley Newland
Nuneaton
Stockingford



Find out more on The Working Lives website at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/workinglives

you will find:

- 300 photographs
- 54 Oral history recordings (download and listen to on your computer or read the summaries on the website)
- Interactive map

Wednesday 6th May

Shaping the land: an exploration of Warwickshire's archaeology

Discover the history of Warwickshire hidden from sight. Jonathon Parkhouse, County Archaeologist, talks about the archaeology of Warwickshire and the work of Warwickshire's Archaeology Service.

In the Activity Centre, St John's House Museum, Warwick

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

Booking is advised, please telephone 01926 412069 to book tickets.



Saturday 27th June

Soldiers through Time!

Travel back in time to meet re-enactors from the 1800's to World War II. Discover what it was like to be a soldier living in the past. Find out about their uniforms and equipment.

At the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum, first floor of St John's House Museum, Warwick.

11.00am – 3.30pm

Free (£1 donation appreciated)

Just drop in, no need to book. All ages welcome but children aged 8 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

Telephone 01926 491653 for more information

Website: www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk

Wednesday 8th July

Alien Landscapes in Warwickshire

Discover how Warwickshire once looked like the surface of Mars and other geological wonders of the ancient geological past. A talk by Jon Radley, Keeper of Geology at Warwickshire Museum.

In the Activity Centre, St John's House Museum, Warwick

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

Booking is advised, please telephone 01926 412069 to book tickets

How Old is Your House?

Every house in your street has a story to tell. A series of workshops, run by local historian Christine Hodgetts, looking at the history of houses and how to use the records at the County Record Office to trace the history of your house. These workshops can be enjoyed on their own or in conjunction with each other.

Saturday 9th May Getting Started

This introductory workshop will look at how to begin exploring the history of your house, plan your research and use the information held at the County Record Office.

Saturday 20th June Owners and Tenants

Who used to live in your house? Discover how to find out who used to live in your house and how to use that information to find out more about the house itself at this house history workshop.

Saturday 4th July Living in your old house

What was life like in your house in the past? Discover how to find out more about the arrangements of rooms, what they were used for, and how they were furnished at this house history workshop.

Saturday 19th September House History on the Internet

Are you interested in researching the history of your house? Now there is more help than ever on the internet to help you do this. Learn how to start researching the history of your house on the internet and how to use it to plan ahead to enable you to make the most of record office visits.

Saturday 17th October Finding and Understanding Title Deeds

A bundle of title deeds can be a daunting sight to a beginner, but it contains vital information on the history of your house and its owners. This workshop will help you to extract the information from them and explains where to look if you no longer have your own deeds.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

9.15am – 12.15pm

Tickets £12.00 for each workshop

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

Monday 11th May

In Search of Warwickshire's Villages

The majority of the rural settlements in England have a history that reach back to before the Industrial Revolution of the mid-eighteenth century, and in many cases their development can be traced from the medieval period. The villages and hamlets of rural Warwickshire are no different. This study day will introduce some of the sources and techniques that can be used to explore how Warwickshire's villages and their communities took shape and developed over the last five centuries and more.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, Off Cape Road, Warwick.

10.30am – 4.15pm

Tickets £28.00, please bring your own lunch

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



Archives Online

Learn how to use Warwickshire's Past Unlocked, the County Record Office's online catalogue. Whether you're a beginner or an expert record office user, this taster session will help you make the most of our online catalogue of records.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick.

Thursday 14th May	1.00pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 25th June	10.00am – 11.00am
Saturday 26th September	10.00am – 11.00am
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Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



Behind the Scenes at the County Record Office

Take a guided tour of the record office with one of our archivists. Learn how to use the public searchroom, go behind the scenes in the strongrooms, view some of our original records and hear about how we care for the records relating to Warwickshire's past.

Monday 18th May	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Monday 29th June	10.30am – 12.00noon
Tuesday 20th October	7.00pm – 8.30pm

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick.

Tickets £5.00 each

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



Family History Masterclass

A series of family history workshops, led by family historian Jennifer Cranfield, takes you through the records available, including those held by the County Record Office, and how to access them. They can be enjoyed individually or all together.

Saturday 16th May Ancestry.co.uk

The 'Ancestry' website is a vital tool for family historians and enables you to undertake family history from the comfort of your own home, local library or Record Office. An in-depth look at a wide range of sources on the ancestry.co.uk website.

Saturday 13th June Law and Order in Your Family History

Which side of the law were your ancestors on? This workshop takes you through the records available, including those held at Warwickshire County Record Office, and how to access them.

Friday 3rd July Internet Sources for Family History

Are you interested in learning how to research your family history on the internet? A look at some of the most useful websites for the family historian, including the more unusual.

Friday 11th September Family History: Military Records

Did your ancestor serve in the military? Come and get an overview of the military records available and how to access them, including online records.

Saturday 10th October Photos in Family History

Do you have a shoebox full of old photographs? This workshop will show you how to create an online family album that can be enjoyed by your relatives and friends.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

9.15am – 12.15pm

Tickets £12.00 for each workshop

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

Natural History Walking Tours

A series of monthly walking tours of stunning natural history sites across Warwickshire led by Steven Falk, Keeper of Natural History for Warwickshire Museum.

Wednesday 13th May

Bluebells at Hartshill Hayes Country Park

The species-rich woodland of Hartshill Hayes is blanketed with bluebells in spring. Join us for a guided walk through the woodland.

Please meet at the Visitors Centre at Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Oldbury Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton.

Wednesday 3rd June

Historic Parkland at Coombe Abbey Park

The 500 year old parkland at Coombe Abbey has seen many changes including landscaping by Capability Brown.

Please meet at the north end of the Visitors Centre.

Wednesday 22nd July

Victorian collection of trees at Jephson Gardens

Jephson Gardens in Leamington Spa is an excellent example of a Victorian public park with a collection of trees from around the world. Join us for a world tour of trees and plants.

Please meet at the gated entrance to Jephson Gardens, opposite the Royal Pump Rooms, off the Parade, Leamington Spa.



Wednesday 12th August

Capability Brown at Compton Verney

The landscape at Compton Verney is unmistakably a Capability Brown landscape. Join us for a guided walk of the park and discover more about the trees and plants in the park.

Please meet at the entrance to the Art Gallery.

You are welcome to use the restaurant, shop and facilities at Compton Verney but must purchase a separate ticket should you wish to view the galleries.



Wednesday 2nd September

Contrasting landscapes at Ragley Hall

Join us for a guided walk of two contrasting landscapes, the formal gardens and the deer park, at Ragley Hall.

Please meet at the front of Ragley Hall.

Each walking tour starts at 10.00am and will last approximately 2 hours.

These are walking tours and we cannot guarantee any seating will be available at any point of the walks. Please wear suitable footwear for walking and clothing suited to the weather.

These are ticketed events only. Tickets are £2.50 per walk. To book tickets and for further information please telephone 01926 412069.

Tuesday 9th June

Tithe Maps Workshop

Tithe maps are a great resource for family and local historians. The database made by Warwickshire County Record Office now allows you to search online. Come and learn about the history of tithe maps and what they are, and learn how to use the new database. A must for family and local historians.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tickets £5.00 each

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



Sunday 21st June

Priory in the Past

Help us celebrate the rich history of both the Priory and its grounds (Priory Park). Enjoy meeting people from the past, music, food, historic stalls and entertainment. This unique festival is open to all ages and is a celebration of the Wise and Waller families of the Priory, Warwick, and Woodcote, Leek Wootton.

Includes behind the scenes tours of the Warwickshire County Record Office's strong rooms and conservation departments.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

1.00pm - 4.00pm

FREE

All children must be accompanied by an adult

For more information please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

Monday 13th July

Greenfingers - a lunchtime 'drop-in' event

Celebrate gardens of then and now. Find out about Victorian flower arranging today and discover the formal gardening of Henry Wise, Royal gardener to William and Mary, Anne and George I.

Just drop in between 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick FREE, refreshments provided

For more information please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



These two events have been organised as part of the Outside the Box Project at Warwickshire County Record Office. The project is part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which allows us to offer this event free of charge. For more details about the project call: 01926 738962.



 Heritage
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Thursday 16th July

Palaeography in the Parish Records

Parish registers are a useful source for family and local historians. Do you find the handwriting difficult to read? An informal, hands on session with a Senior Archivist from the Record Office that will provide an opportunity to improve your skill at reading parish registers.

We will look at examples from the 16th to 19th Centuries.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Tickets £2.50

No need to book, just drop in.

Sunday 19th July

Once in a Blue Moon

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of man landing on the moon come and see the 'Once in a Blue Moon' exhibition at Market Hall Museum.

For one day only experience weightlessness in a gyroscope or make an elastic band moon buggy.

The exhibition runs from July – September 2009

11.00am – 4.00pm

Market Hall Museum, Market Square, Warwick

Entry to exhibition and the gyroscope free. Height restrictions apply to the gyroscope.

£2.50 to make an elastic band moon buggy

All ages welcome but children aged 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



Saturday 25th July

Meet the archaeologist

Meet some of the archaeologists who excavated the Bus Station site in Warwick. Bryn Gethin, Project Officer, will be giving a short talk on the excavation followed by the opportunity to view some of the finds from the site and the chance to ask the archaeologists any questions about the excavations and the work they do.

Talks start at 10.30am and 1.00pm

At Market Hall Museum, Warwick.

Free



Saturday 5th September

Calligraphy Workshop

Calligraphy can be used when writing invitations, messages in cards or as an art form in its own right. Experienced calligrapher Jane Upson is running a one-day workshop to teach you the art of calligraphy. All abilities welcome, all materials provided. Please bring your own lunch.

In the Activity Centre, St John's House Museum, Warwick

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tickets £25 each

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone 01926 412069.

Monday 7th September

WISE Walk at Priory Park

A guided walk exploring historic parkland in the middle of Warwick with rare and beautiful trees. Find out which trees link to the history of famous Royal Gardener and owner of Priory House, Henry Wise.

10.00am – 12.00noon

Tea and coffee at 10.00am, walk starts 10.30am

Meet at Warwickshire County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick.

FREE

The walk will involve walking over grass and uneven surfaces. Please wear suitable footwear.

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the walk may be cancelled. For confirmation please call 01926 738961 on the day of the walk.



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 Heritage

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Heritage Open Days 10th - 13th September

Friday 11th September

Behind the scenes tours of the Costume Store

Join Maggie Wood, Keeper of Social History, for a fascinating tour of the historic costume store. There will be the opportunity to see selected objects from the costume collection close up.

Tours start at 10.00am and 11.30am

At the County Council Depot, Montague Road, Warwick

Please be aware there is no parking for the public at the depot.

FREE

Spaces are limited, please call 01926 412069 to book a place on a tour.

Saturday 12th September

Rocks, Pots and Fossils

Discover the "history beneath your feet" in our Geology and Archaeology museum stores. A rare opportunity to see some of your intriguing local objects not normally on display at Warwickshire Museum and to quiz the Keepers about their collections.

10.00am to 1.00pm – 30 minute tours

Field Services, The Butts, Warwick

FREE

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book a space on a tour please telephone 01926 412069.

Saturday 12th September

Behind the Scenes at the County Record Office

Come on one of our informal tours Behind the Scenes at the Record Office as part of Heritage Open Days weekend

Tours at 2.00pm and 3.00pm

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

FREE

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September

Open Days at Chesterton Windmill

Come and have a look inside this unique historic building and experience what it would have been like to be a Miller! A rare chance to learn from mill enthusiasts and to experience the sights and sounds of a working mill.

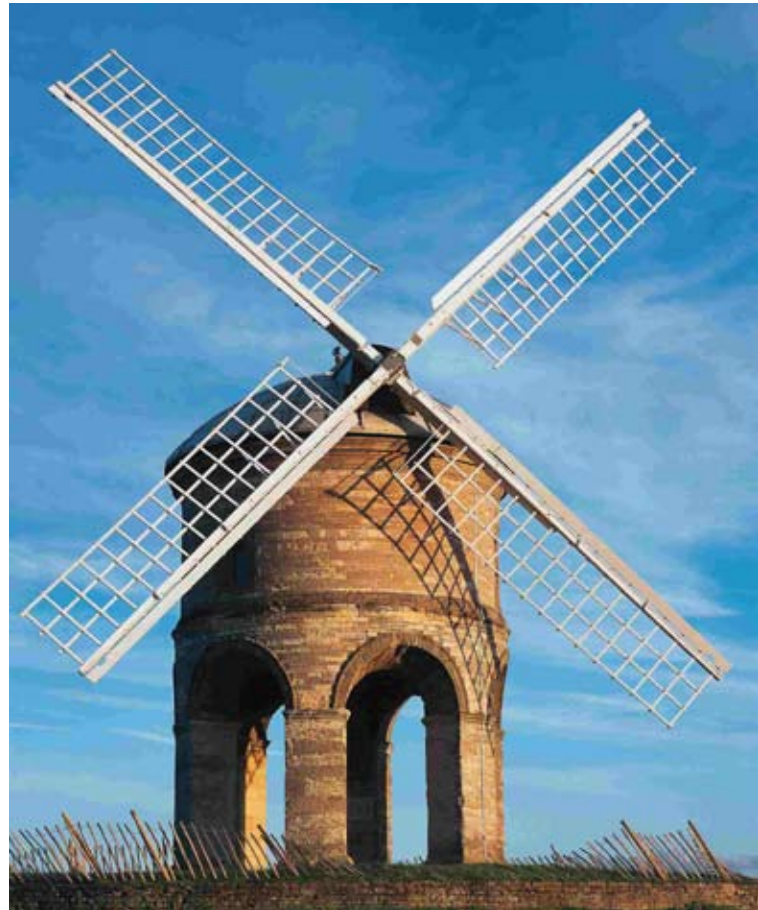
10.00am – 4.00pm - car parking subject to weather conditions.

Situated on Windmill Hill Lane just off the B4455

Fosse Way near Harbury

A small charge may be made for entry to the mill. Entry to the grounds is free.

No need to book, however at busy times there may be a waiting period for entrance to the mill.



Wednesday 9th September

Make Do and Mend

This September marks the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

As the war progressed the government introduced rationing for a range of everyday items, including clothing. This session explores the many imaginative ways in which people made clothes and accessories from the unlikeliest of materials - old sheets, parachute fragments, and flour bags were all used to create unique garments!

In the Activity Centre, St John's House Museum, Warwick

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

Booking is advised, please telephone 01926 412069 to book tickets.

Wednesday 14th, 21st, and 28th October

Highlights from the Costume Collection

Spend a series of afternoons in the company of Maggie Wood, Keeper of Social History at Warwickshire Museum. This is an opportunity to explore in close-up unusual and fragile items that are not often on view. No specialist knowledge required! Maggie will be displaying and talking in detail about different objects from the collection each afternoon.

At Warwickshire County Council Montague Road Stores, Warwick

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets £5.00 per workshop

This is a ticketed event only.

For detailed directions and to book a ticket please telephone 01926 412069.

Monday 21st September

Family History for Absolute Beginners

Learn how to begin researching your family tree using the local and national sources available at the County Record Office.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets £5.00 each

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

Monday 26th October

Family History – Next Steps

Next steps for family historians. Learn how to continue researching your family tree using the sources available at the County Record Office.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets £5.00 each

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



Saturday 3rd October

Bookbinding workshop

Donata Santorini, Conservator at the County Record Office, will teach simple binding techniques you will be able to use at home. Make your own notebook to take home.

Location: Activity Centre, St John's House Museum, Warwick

10.00am – 4.00pm

Tickets £25 each. Please bring your own lunch.

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone 01926 412069.



Monday 12th October

Power in the Landscape: the Castle in Medieval Warwickshire

The castle is one of the most familiar of features from the medieval landscape. Once viewed primarily as monuments to medieval warfare, we now appreciate more fully the subtle complexities of this institution and the roles that it played in both medieval society and landscape. This study day will explore, through documents, archaeology, landscape and the buildings themselves, how our understanding of medieval castles has developed, with particular reference to the castles of Warwickshire.

At the County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, Warwick

9.30am – 4.15pm

Tickets £28.00 each, please bring your own lunch

Spaces are limited, booking essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.



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Booking form

Name(s): _____

Age (if under 13): _____

Address: _____

Tel no: _____

Please reserve _____ places for (state event) _____

on (state date) _____ Cost: £ _____

We are committed to access for all. Please let us know if you have any special requirements:

Bookings

Bookings can be made by post or in person. Telephone reservations can be made, but places are not secured until payment is received. Please make cheques payable to Warwickshire County Council. Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you.

Cancellation policy

Please note: we are unable to give refunds if cancellations are made less than 14 days prior to the event booked. Other cancellations will be subject to a £2 administration fee.

Contact:

Rebecca Williams, Heritage Education, St John's House Museum, Warwick CV34 4NF Tel: 01926 412034

Visitor information

Group visits, contact and access information

Group Visits: **All groups must book** for visits to St John's House Museum and the Market Hall Museum. Call Heritage Education on 01926 412069 to book. For visits to the County Record Office call 01926 738959.

Contacts: **Market Hall Museum**
Market Place, Warwick CV34 4SA
Enquiries: 01926 412132/412501

St John's House Museum
St John's, Warwick CV34 4NF
Enquiries: 01926 412132/412021

County Record Office
Priory Park, Warwick CV34 4JS
Enquiries: 01926 738959

For all library enquiries contact:
01926 410410

Access: The Activity Centre, the County Record Office and most of the ground floor at St John's Museum is fully accessible. Physical access at other venues varies. Please contact Warwickshire County Council for further information on 01926 410410.

For a large print version of this leaflet, please contact Heritage Education on 01926 412034.

Email: heritageeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/whatsonmuseumsandarchives