

Warwickshire

Heritage & Culture

Outlook

November 2008 – April 2009

Visitor information

Group Visits: All groups must book for visits to St. John's House Museum, Market Hall Museum and the County Record Office. Call **01926 412069** for more information or to make a booking. Call 01926 738959 to book a visit to the County Record Office.

Contacts: **Market Hall Museum**
Market Place, Warwick CV34 4SA
Enquiries: 01926412500 / 412501

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

County Record Office
Priory Park, Warwick
Enquiries: 01926 738959

For all **Library** enquiries please telephone the Contact Centre on : 01926 410410

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

Special Event!

An Evening with Alexander McCall Smith Monday 27th October

Warwickshire Libraries are delighted to welcome Alexander McCall Smith to the first Warwick Words Xtra event as part of the National Year of Reading. One of the world's most prolific and popular authors, an evening in his company is going to be one of the most enjoyable occasions of the year. Join him as he chats about his wise, beautifully observed novels set in Botswana and Scotland and offers a sneak preview of a new novel set in the Suffolk countryside.

Alexander will talk about *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, his *Scotland Street* series with the wonderful but much troubled character Bertie, the latest book in the Sunday Philosophy Club series, *The Comfort of Saturdays*, and his forthcoming novel, *La's Orchestra Saves the World*.
Evening begins at 7.30pm

At Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road, Warwick

Tickets £10.50 (concessions £8.50)

To book please telephone the Warwick Words box office on 01926 776438

Last minute addition!

'The Last Gasp' – a Victorian Murder Mystery

Friday 31st October

Why does the church choir only accept female members?

Where is the Earl hiding all his money?

Can anyone persuade Captain Ratcliffe to do the decent thing?

At 'The Last Gasp' anything can happen, ...and usually does!!

Join us for a Victorian Murder Mystery evening in the stunning setting of St John's House Museum. A very spooky way to spend Halloween. Refreshments will be provided.

At St John's House Museum, Warwick

7pm – 10.30pm

Tickets £15.00 each

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone Rebecca Williams on 01926 412034.

Suitable for 13+ years but 16s and under must be accompanied by an adult.

How to Make a Traditional Wooden Toy

Saturday 1st November

Cyril Hobbins, renowned maker of traditional wooden toys, is holding a one day toy making workshop. Cyril will help you to make a traditional wooden toy. The toy you make will be unique to you, a special way to add the personal touch to your Christmas present this year. You will make at least one toy to take home and learn invaluable skills to enable you to make more. There will be the opportunity to purchase Cyril's extensive book full of instructions on making various traditional wooden toys. All materials will be provided, please bring your own lunch.

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

10am – 4pm

Tickets £40 each

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone Rebecca Williams on 01926 412034

Tithe Maps Workshop

Saturday 1st November

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

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £5.00

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

Enduring Beauty

Tuesday 4th November

Discover beauty recipes and products from the early – mid 1700s. To what lengths would an 18th century lady go to look beautiful? Are we really any different today? Spend an evening finding out about health, hair, beauty and clothes over the last 300 years.

At Leek Wootton Village Hall, Warwick Road, Leek Wootton

7:30pm – 9pm

£2.50 per person

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

This workshop has 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 at a reduced tariff.

'The Naples of the Midlands. Wellesbourne 1800 – 1939'

Saturday 8th November

A talk by local historian Peter Bolton on his book "The Naples of the Midlands. Wellesbourne 1800 – 1939". Come and hear about the history of Wellesbourne and the writing of his book. Will appeal to anyone interested in the local history of Warwickshire. Signed copies of the book will also be on sale.

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

10.30am – 11.30am

Tickets £5.00

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

Mystery Objects

Wednesday 12th November

Join us for an evening of discovering objects from the archaeology collections of Warwickshire Museum. Can you guess what the objects are before their purpose is revealed by the Keeper of Archaeology, Sara Wear?

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

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

No need to book, pay on the door. For more information please telephone Rebecca Williams 01926 412034.

Archives Online

Thursday 13th November

Learn how to use WARLOCK, 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

10am – 11am

FREE

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

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 15th November

Workshop 1 - Getting Started

This introductory workshop will look at how to plan your research and find information, including use of the record office and indexes.

9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 19th November

Workshop 2 - Owners and Tenants

This workshop will look at how to find out who lived in your house and how to use that information to find out more about the house itself.

10am – 1pm

Saturday 29th November

Workshop 3- Living in your old house

This workshop will tell you how to find out more about the arrangements of rooms, what they were used for, and how they were furnished.

9.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday 15th January

Workshop 4 - Understanding more difficult records

It is not always easy to extract the meaning from some kinds of records. Learn how to find out more from title deeds and bring your most difficult problems for discussion.

10am – 1pm

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

Tickets £15 for each workshop

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone Christine Hodgetts on 01926 493216.

Tuesday 25th November

Getting to Grips with Deeds

An informal workshop designed to increase confidence and competence in using deeds as a local and family history resource.

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

10am – 12.50pm (tea/coffee available from 9.30am)

FREE

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

This workshop has 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

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 search room, go behind the scenes in the strong rooms, view some of our original records and hear about how we care for the records relating to Warwickshire's past

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

Monday 1st December

10.30am – 12noon

Tuesday 24th February

7pm – 8.30pm

Tickets £5.00

Spaces are limited, Booking is Essential. To book please telephone the County Record Office on 01926 738959.

An evening with Roger Ellory - author of 'A Quiet Belief in Angels'

Thursday 4th December

Join Roger Ellory, bestselling author of "A Quiet Belief in Angels", for an evening at Coleshill Library. Chosen for the Richard & Judy Book Club, the books defy categorisation into a narrow genre – Roger's intention is just to write a good story. His talks and signings are highly praised - this will be an evening well spent.

At Coleshill Library, 19a Parkfield Road, Coleshill

Starts at 7pm

Tickets £4 (Concessions £3.60)

Tickets are available from Coleshill Library, telephone 01675 463307 for more information.

Dating your family photographs

Wednesday 7th January

Gather some key tips on how to date photographs from the technology used to take the photograph to the clothes people are wearing in the photograph.

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

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

No need to book, pay on the door. For more information please telephone Rebecca Williams 01926 412034.

Beauty Tips from the 18th Century – a lunchtime taster session

Thursday 22nd January

Take a look at some beauty recipes and products from the early – mid 1700s.

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

12noon – 2pm

FREE

No need to book, just drop in.

This session has 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

Handle with Care

Monday 16th February

If you are interested in looking after your family documents and precious photos and prints, come to the County Record Office and learn about preservation principles and how you can apply these to your own records. Includes the opportunity to purchase some conservation supplies.

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

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £5.00

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

History Essentials

Get your Tudors mixed up with your Anglo Saxons or the Romans confused with the Egyptians? Come along to the History Essentials course and get straightened out! This course is perfect for people who want a basic introduction to periods of history and those wanting to help young children with their history homework. Sessions are interactive and hands on with the opportunity to handle objects.

Wednesday 25th February

The Ancient Egyptians - Unravel the mysteries of ancient Egyptian life. Explore original ancient Egyptian objects.

Wednesday 4th March

The Tudors – Investigate the lives of the ordinary Tudors using our replica objects. Try our inventory game.

Wednesday 11th March

The Anglo Saxons – Become an archaeologist as you explore the lives of Anglo Saxons from what they left behind.

Wednesday 18th March

The Romans – Did the Romans eat pizza? What can we tell about the ancient Romans from the pottery they left behind? Answer all these questions in this workshop.

Wednesday 25th March

1694 Fire of Warwick - Why don't you see any thatched roofs in Warwick? Join us on this walk around Warwick and find out about the Great Fire of Warwick.

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

3pm – 5pm

Tickets £7.50 per workshop or £30 if you book all five.

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone Rebecca Williams on 01926 412034.

Family History for Absolute Beginners

Monday 2nd March

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

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £5.00

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

Family History – Next Steps

Monday 30th March

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

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £5.00

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

Traditional Wooden Toys and their History

Wednesday 4th March

Cyril Hobbins, renowned toymaker, will be talking about the history of traditional wooden toys using objects from the Cyril Hobbins Collection recently donated to Warwickshire Museum, some of which will be on display at St John's House Museum. The talk is a culmination of a lifetimes work and experience gathered by Cyril, an expert in his field.

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

Talk starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 each

No need to book, pay on the door. For more information please telephone Rebecca Williams 01926 412034.

Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday 14th March

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

10am – 4pm

Tickets £25 each

Spaces are limited, booking is essential. To book please telephone Rebecca Williams on 01926 412034.

Transport Open Day

Saturday 25th April

Warwickshire County Record Office has many records to do with Warwickshire's transport history, including maps, plans and photographs. Come on this informal tour of Warwickshire County Record Office, go behind the scenes in the strong rooms and get the chance to view some of our original records on transport, including canals and railways

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

2pm – 4pm

Tickets £5.00

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

Other Events, Activities and Services....

- Enquiry Service: Warwickshire Museum staff are happy to answer object and site related enquiries. Please call 01926 412501/412500.
- To find out about activities taking place at the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum (1st floor of St John's House Museum) call: 01926 491653.
- To find out about Children's University activities call Carolyn Lloyd on 01926 742252
- Watch out for summer events at Roman Alcester Heritage Centre for young people. For more information see www.romanalcester.org

To find out what's on at Borough or District Council Museums across Warwickshire please contact:

- **Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum**

Royal Pump Rooms,
The Parade,
Royal Leamington Spa,
CV32 4AA
Tel: 01926 742700
www.warwickdc.gov.uk

- **Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery**

Riversley Park,
Nuneaton,
CV11 5TU
Tel: 024 7635 0720
www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk

- **Rugby Art Gallery and Museum**

Little Elborow Street,
Rugby,
CV21 3BZ
Tel: 01788 533201
www.rugbygalleryandmuseum.org.uk

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 reserved until payment is received. Please make cheques payable to **Warwickshire County Council**. Confirmation of your booking will be sent out 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. All cancellations will be subject to a £2 administration fee.

Drop-in Events

Please note: children are not individually supervised at these events. If drop-ins become overcrowded we may ask visitors to return at a later time.

Contact:

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