

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies

Spring 2009

Newsletter

Welcome

Hertfordshire Archives is the specialist centre for the discovery of Hertfordshire's history, from 1060 to the present day. We welcome visitors (see our website for opening times) and this newsletter is to let you know about some special activities and exhibitions that will give you an opportunity to find out more.

Launch of the 'Making Memories' Project.

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies has been awarded £49,600 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to help develop community archive websites to help preserve stories and recollections from Hertfordshire residents. 'Making Memories' will be supported by archive, library and museum staff, but run by local volunteers, who will edit and oversee their development.

On Monday, March 23rd at Welwyn Garden City and Wednesday 25th March at Hertfordshire Archives, Hertford, the first events were held to find volunteers to join community archive groups and create their own websites.

At the two events the staff met a wide range of people with some very interesting stories to tell. If you would

like to be involved in setting up the websites please contact Daphne Knott. It is a great opportunity to learn new skills and no previous experience is needed.



'Making Memories' Scanning Events

Monday 11th May 2009
Welwyn Garden City Library
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Friday 15th May 2009
Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, Hertford
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

We would like to invite people to share their photographs and memories at one of our scanning events. Staff and volunteers will be available to transfer photographs to the website and collect memories and stories of Hertfordshire and Welwyn Garden City.

For further information about the events or project, please contact:
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Courses and Events

Hertfordshire County Show

Saturday 23rd May 2009
Sunday 24th May 2009

Our theme this year is 'Making Memories'. Come and tell us your stories and find out how you can put your photographs and memories on the new web site.

Manorial Records for Local and Family History

Thursday 4th June 2009
Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, Hertford
10. am – 4.00 pm
Cost: £20.00



Manorial records offer a rich source of information for the lives of ordinary people. This workshop will explain how the manorial system worked, what records it created and by using extracts, show how information can be found even if you have no knowledge of Latin.

(Lunch is not provided, but you can bring a packed lunch.)

To book a place on the course, please contact Hertfordshire Archives:
01438 737333/01923 471333 (ask for Local Studies Library)
e-mail: hertsdirect@hertscc.gov.uk
www.hertsdirect.org/hals

How to Trace the History of Your House

Four week course:
Tuesday 2nd June – 23rd June 2009
5.30 pm – 7.00 pm
Cost: £25.00



Are you intrigued to know more about your home's past? This course will show you how to discover more about the age of your house, how it fits into the history of the local area, and who lived there previously, using a wide range of sources held at Hertfordshire Archives

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Delme Radcliffe Appeal Fundraising events 2009

Hitchin Town Walk (1.5 miles)
Sunday May 3rd 2009
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Cost: £5.00

Led by David and Bridget Howlett
Tea at British Schools Museum

Hitchin Priory's Outer Park Walk (3 miles)
Sunday May 24th 2009
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Cost: £5.00

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To book a place on the walk, contact Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies.

Full details of all our events are on our web pages on
www.hertsdirect.org/hals
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