

Talks for Groups

Introduction

Somerset Archives and Local Studies works towards the preservation of the archives of the historic county. As part of our outreach programme we provide a series of talks to Somerset groups and societies. The talks are given by our team of archivists, and cover a range of topics.

Visits and in-house talks

Our talks and lectures can either be given at your regular meeting place, such as a village hall or meeting room, or groups can visit the Somerset Heritage Centre. Talks normally last for about an hour and include a slide show of relevant records from our collections. There is always time allowed at the end for questions.

How to book

Please complete the form below and return it to the Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Taunton, TA2 6SF. Alternatively, please contact the Somerset Heritage Centre: 01823 278805, somersetarchives@swheritage.org.uk

Talks we offer

Introduction to Somerset Archives	Researching Your Somerset Family
How to Research the History of your House	Crime and Punishment
Wills and Probate	Somerset Women
Army Records and the Somerset Light Infantry	Archaeology from Archives
Tales from the Quarter Sessions: Somerset's Criminal Past	Slums, Sewage and Sickness: Public Health and Housing in Taunton Deane
Food in the Archives*	Music in Somerset*
The Poor Law*	The Hyltons of Ammerdown
Rural Somerset 1865 - 1914	Sources for Somerset Transport History
Archives and the Weather*	

*PLEASE NOTE these talks are unavailable from late September 2018 until July 2019; and available during daytime only from July 2019 until March 2020

Unless your group has a particular interest, we normally recommend that your first talk be the Introduction to Somerset Archives. Please be aware that the more specialised talks have more limited availability (as only the specialist can give them) so if possible please suggest several dates.

Charges and Conditions

The fee for our talks is **£50**, to be paid in advance, although a discretionary fee may be charged to cover expenses for talks held at a great distance from the Heritage Centre. Cheques should be made out to **South West Heritage Trust**. We can only accommodate 50 people for talks held at the Heritage Centre, but we will talk to groups of any size elsewhere. Due to high demand, we can only give a talk to a group every two years.

If unforeseen circumstances arise on the day of the talk, such as adverse weather, we may have to consider postponing the talk or changing the venue; this will always be done with consultation with you.

Office use only:					
Speaker:		Charge:		Payment received:	
Archivist's copy given:					

Talk Booking Form

Name of group:					
Date of talk:					
Time of talk:					
Venue:					
Approx. size of audience:					
Subject of talk (see list):					
<p>If the venue is <u>not</u> the Somerset Heritage Centre, can you provide:</p> <p>Data Projector: Yes / No Screen: Yes / No Projector stand: Yes / No Extension lead (if necessary): Yes / No</p> <p>Please also provide a map of the location and directions, including where the speaker should park.</p>					
Contact details:					
Name:					
Address:					
Telephone:					
Email address:					
Any additional information:					

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