

Wiltshire Libraries

Local History Month Events

May 2022



Wiltshire & Swindon
**HISTORY
CENTRE**

 **Wiltshire
Libraries**

What's on: Local History Month events

Discover the British Newspaper Archive

Salisbury Library

Wednesday 4th May, 2.30-3.30pm, Free

Frogg Moody

Exploring Fisherton

Salisbury Library

Thursday 5th May, 7-8pm, £3

Sarah Murray

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Friday 13th May, 5.30-6.30pm, £3

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Royal Wootton Bassett Library

Monday 16th May, 10.30am-12pm, Free

Discover Salisbury Ephemera

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Workshop

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With library staff

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Free digital support session

Numbers limited; advance booking required

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Talk

Exploring Fisherton

Frogg Moody

Thursday 5th May, 7-8pm

Salisbury Library



Have you ever wondered what made Fisherton what it is today?
Then come along to Frogg's interesting talk to find out!

£6

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Talk

The Hall: Bradford on Avon's hidden gem

Sarah Murray, The Alex Moulton Charitable Trust

Monday 9th May, 7.15-8.15pm

Bradford on Avon Library



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Sarah Murray, House and Estate Manager at the Alex Moulton Charitable Trust explores the history of The Hall and its significance in the town of Bradford on Avon. The Hall has always been a house of industry, built by wealthy clothiers in 1610 as a splendid family home, later used as workers offices and storage owned by the Duke of Kingston, then restored by Stephen Moulton in the mid-1800s. The Hall has been central to the town's industrial past but is little known amongst its modern neighbours. Sarah will uncover the often-unknown history of this magnificent Jacobean house and explain how the Trust are bringing it back to public life in Bradford on Avon.

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Jane Faulkner

Friday 13th May, 5.30-6.30pm

Corsham Library



Find out more about Jane's surprising and exciting journey to discover more about the historical landscape between Corsham and Chippenham. Jane will offer insight and tips to help others research their own places of interest whilst enjoying the natural environment too.

Free (Health and Wellbeing event run in collaboration with Corsham Town Council)

Book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-in-search-of-pudding-brook-with-jane-faulkner-tickets-313665440777>

For further information contact Corsham Library 01249 468490

Workshop
A Beginner's Guide to Using Ancestry
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Drop in Session
Discover Salisbury Ephemera
With library staff

Wednesday 18th May, 2.30-3.30pm
Salisbury Library



Come and delve into the posters and cuttings of Salisbury past - a veritable feast of interesting bits and bobs for your delight!

Free

No need to book, just pop into Salisbury Library on the day

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Talk

The Pippins, Calne – the evolution of a medieval plot

Tom Rogers, Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service

Monday 23rd May, 10.30-11.30am

Calne Library



Expanding on the exhibition on show at the library, Tom will describe the excavations undertaken in the area to the rear of the former Barclays Bank building in Autumn 2021 which revealed features from the establishment of a burgage plot to modern times. The excavation provides a window into the development of the town from the establishment of the High Street to the present day.

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Workshop Introduction to Palaeography

Ian Hicks

Monday 23rd May, 2-4pm
Trowbridge Library



It might feel like the family historian's curse. Working your way back in time, painstakingly poring over parish registers, suddenly you come across a register that looks like a hundred spiders have danced the Fandango across the page. Does that really say Thomas, son of Henry Handgrenade?

This talk will teach you about the forms and conventions used in the past to help you confidently decipher and make sense of old handwriting.

£6

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Julie Davis and Max Parkin

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Devizes Library



You don't need to live in an old house to research its history. Whether you're in a sixteenth century thatched cottage or a 1980s semi, there's a wealth of information waiting to be uncovered. Who lived there and what did they do for a living, what did the house previously look like, how has it changed inside, and what was on the land before your house was built? This introductory hands-on workshop will give you all the skills you need to get started researching the building you live in and the people who called it home before you.

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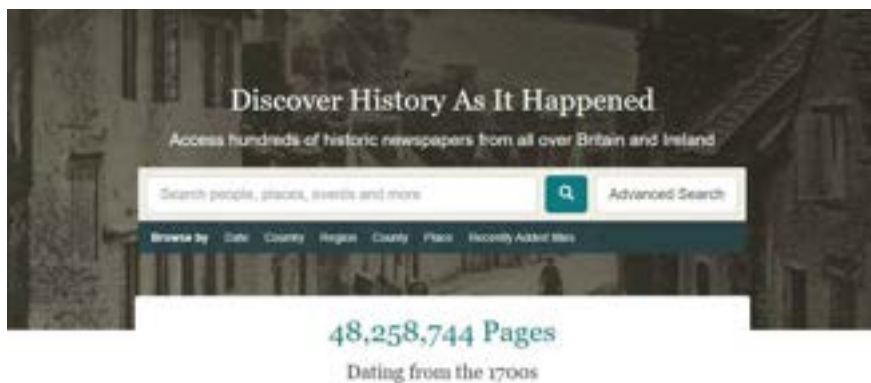
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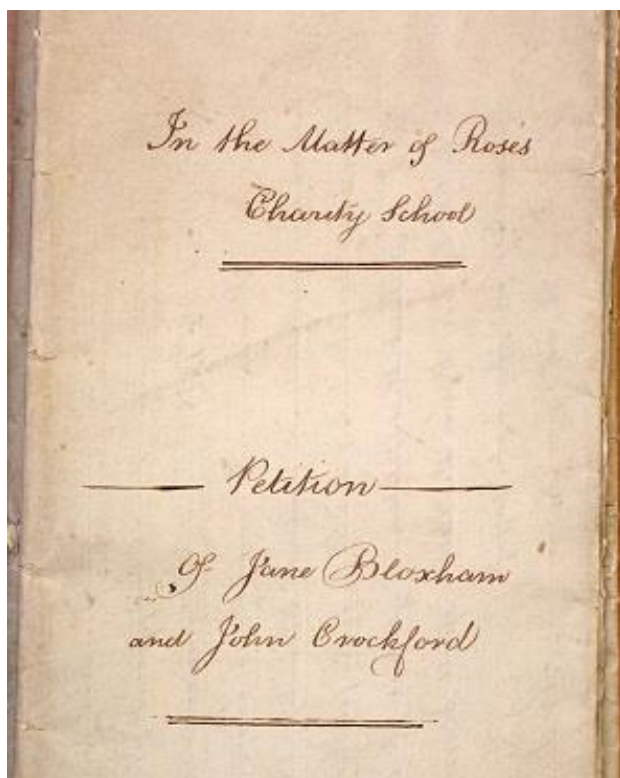
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Exhibition
Roses School: A History

Amesbury Library



Long gone, but not forgotten. We take a look at the history of this charity school.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

The Hall: A Portrait of a Country Estate Between the Wars

Bradford on Avon Library



© Alex Moulton Charitable Trust

A fascinating look at the Moulton family and how life was lived on a country estate.

Free entry

During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

Calne Town Centre Excavation

Calne Library



Calne locals will have noticed the large building project going on in the town centre at the moment. Prior to that, in the cold days of November last year, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service carried out an excavation on behalf of the developers.

Have you ever wondered what they found?
During Local History Month you can find out at Calne Library!

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition 1952 Chippenham

Chippenham Library



Take a look at the people and events that helped shape this year in the town 70 years ago.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition **The Flemish Weavers**

Corsham Library



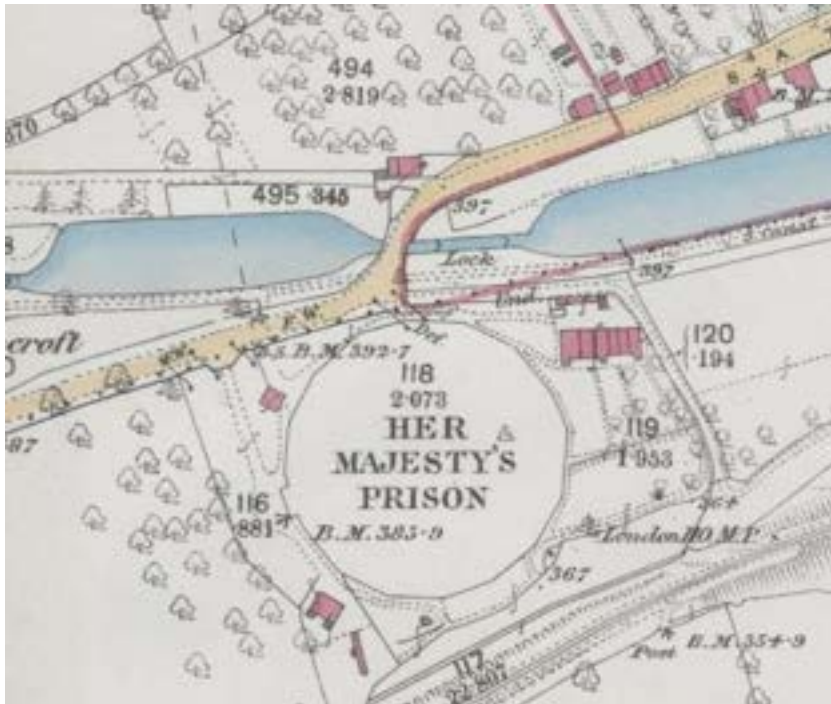
Discover the fascinating story behind these buildings, well known to all in the town and further afield.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

Prison Life in Devizes

Devizes Library



From death at the Bridewell and a new County House of Corrections, with public hangings and a daring escape plan from the German PoW Camp, our exhibition brings you all the exciting and gruesome details!

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Fig. 1. A plan view of a water wheel
 showing the arrangement of the
 buckets and the shaft.

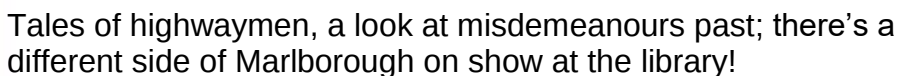


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Marlborough Library



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Exhibition Local Folklore

Malmesbury Library



Wiltshire is well known as a mysterious county. Find out more about local tales, customs and superstitions with this fascinating exhibition.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

Melksham House: All That Was and All That Will Be

Melksham Library



To mark the forthcoming move of Melksham Library to its new location, we celebrate the history of the house that will become the library's newest neighbour.

Free entry

During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

Royal Jubilees: How Royal Wootton Bassett Has Celebrated Through the Years

Royal Wootton Bassett Library



What has the jubilee meant to the town's residents in the past?
We take a look back to find out!

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition **Discover Fisherton Street**

Salisbury Library



How has this Salisbury street been shaped over time? The exhibition at Salisbury Library will help uncover its past.

Free entry
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Trowbridge Library: A History

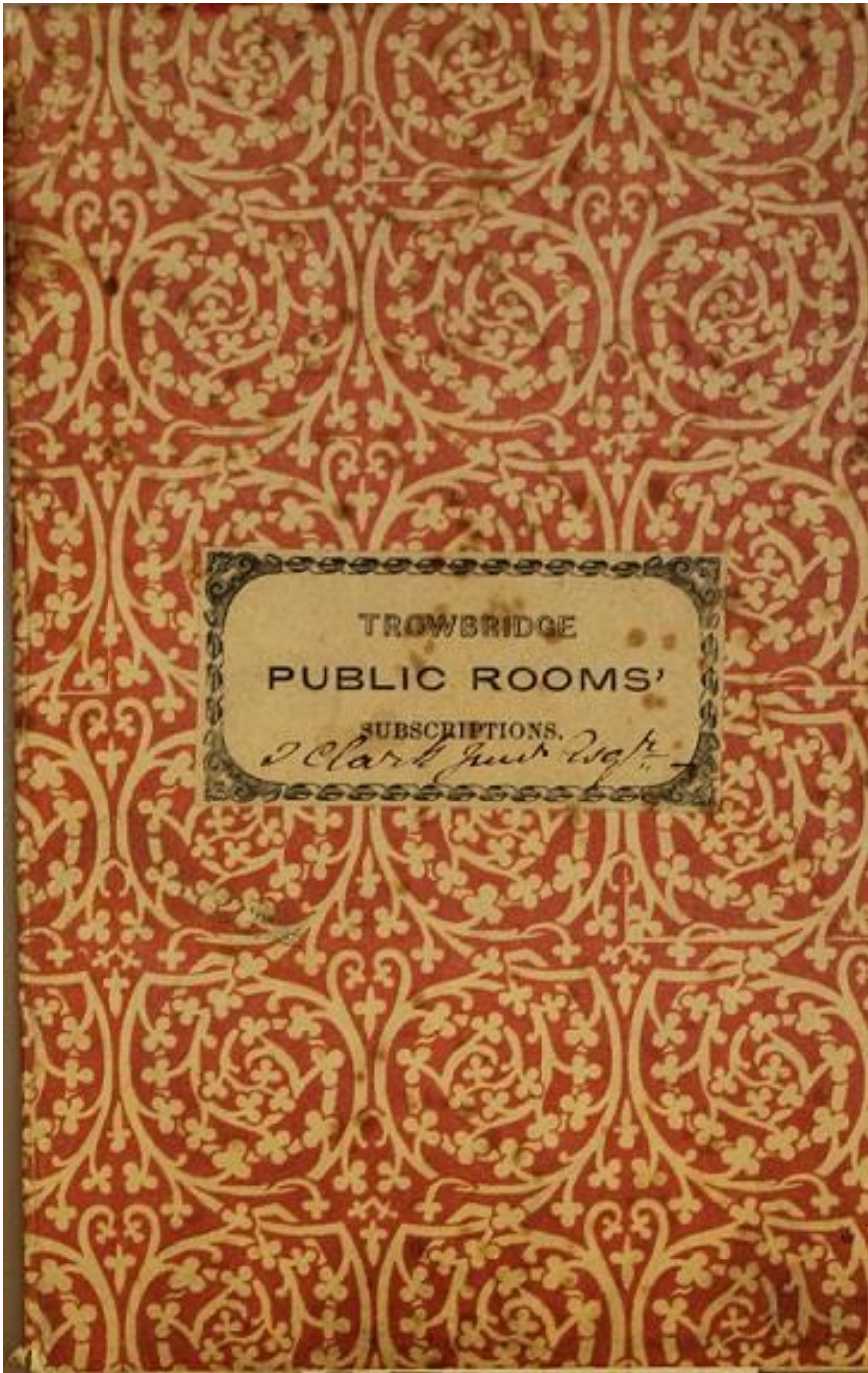
Trowbridge Library



As Trowbridge Library embarks on its 10th Anniversary at County Hall, we take a look back at its changing identity over the years. We welcome you, the community and heart of the library, to add your memories too.

Free entry

During the library's opening hours



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Exhibition

The Warminster Workhouse

Warminster Library



Discover more about the workhouse at Sambourne and the effect it had on the lives of the town's residents from the 19th to mid-20th centuries.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours



Exhibition

Westbury House: A History

Westbury Library



Westbury's much-loved library has a long history – find out more about the building and its past.

Free entry
During the library's opening hours

Exhibition

Wilton House Gardeners

Wilton Library



A fascinating look at the gardeners from the year 1901, whose work helped shape the Wilton estate but who are so often overlooked in history.

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Get social...!

Don't forget to check out our social media sites where there will be lots to see such as old Wiltshire photos on various themes, information about some of Wiltshire's local history clubs and societies and a local history quiz!

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#Wiltshire



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@westburylibrarywilts

Find out more



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