

Somerset Archives & Local Studies

Information Leaflet

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

To book a talk, please complete the enclosed form and return to the Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Taunton, TA2 6SF. Alternatively, please contact Bev Duddridge at the Heritage Centre: Telephone: 01823 278805
Email: archives@somerset.gov.uk.

Talks Offered

- Introduction to Somerset Archives
- Crime and Punishment
- The Poor Law
- Somerset Women
- Taunton Sanitary Conditions and Public Health
- Agricultural Education in Somerset, 1865-1914
- The Hyltons of Ammerdown
- Army Records and the Somerset Light Infantry
- How to Research the History of your House
- Researching your Somerset Family
- Sources for Somerset Transport History
- Music in Somerset
- Archaeology from Archives

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, so if possible please suggest several dates.

Charges and Conditions

The fee for our talks is **£42, to be paid in advance**, although a discretionary fee may be charged to cover expenses for talks held at a distance from the Heritage Centre. Due to space constraints, we have a limit of 50 people for talks held at the Heritage Centre, but we will talk to groups of any size elsewhere. Due to the demand we have to provide talks, we can only give a talk to a group every two years. If there are unforeseen circumstances on the day of the talk, such as adverse weather, we may have to consider rearranging the date or venue – but we will always contact you to discuss this first.

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 not the Somerset Heritage Centre, can you provide:</p> <p>Projector stand: Yes / No</p> <p>Screen: Yes / No</p> <p>Please also provide a map of the location and directions</p>	

Contact details:	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Any additional information:	
Office use only:	
Speaker:	
Charge:	
Payment received:	

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