

## LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Leeds Central Library,  
Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

### OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday, 9.00am – 7.00pm  
Tuesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm  
Wednesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm  
Thursday, 9.00am – 6.00pm  
Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Sunday, 11.00am – 3.00pm

### RESEARCH & ADVICE

Free workshops and drop-ins  
Access Ancestry.com  
Regular talks and events  
Sessions for schools

### COLLECTIONS

Local newspaper archive  
Historical and modern maps  
Photos ([www.leodis.net](http://www.leodis.net))  
Leeds and Yorkshire books

### PHONE

0113 378 6982

### EMAIL ENQUIRIES

[localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk)

### CONNECT

[twitter.com/leedslibraries](https://twitter.com/leedslibraries)  
[facebook.com/leedslibraries](https://facebook.com/leedslibraries)  
[www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries)

### COLLECTIONS BLOG

[secretlibraryleeds.net](http://secretlibraryleeds.net)



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# Events Programme

Sept - Dec 2018



## Local Talks

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTARY ADULT EDUCATION IN YORKSHIRE (1790 - 1945)

**Wednesday 12 September, 1.00pm**  
**Room 700, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

Researcher Pushpa Kumbhat will explore the history of education in Britain from 1790 to 1945 with a special emphasis on the work and achievements of voluntary adult education organisations in Yorkshire. The talk will consider why these organisations took control and provided adult education at a time when any education beyond primary level was very difficult to access.

**FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

### BOOKS AND ALL THAT: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Wednesday 10 October, 1.00pm**  
**Sanderson Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

This month, we welcome staff and volunteers from Leeds Central Library to examine the history of the building. Discover how the library coped during two world wars, hear about the scandalous behaviour of library users and see how much (or little) things have changed. There will be a chance to browse our collection of Central Library newscuttings both before and after the talk.

**FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

### A GAME TAKEN SERIOUSLY: TOM EMMETT AND YORKSHIRE CRICKET IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY

**Wednesday 31 October, 1.00pm**  
**Sanderson Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Drawing on his two recent books, Jeremy Lonsdale will talk about how cricket grew in Yorkshire in the 19th century, tracing the story from the opening of the first purpose-built commercial ground in Sheffield in 1822 to the early 1890s, when Yorkshire County Cricket Club was reformed, league cricket took off, and a number of great players – such as Tom Emmett – came to the fore.

**FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

### 19<sup>TH</sup>-CENTURY POLITICAL CARTOONS: INTRODUCING AND EXPLORING THE COLLECTION

**Tuesday 20 November, 7pm**  
**Chapel Allerton Library**

An illustrated introduction to the Central Library's collection of 19<sup>th</sup>-century political cartoons. The talk will focus on the people and events depicted in the images, as well as exploring the production, distribution and political meaning of the cartoons.

**FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/  
leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)**

## Family History

Thinking about tracing your family tree but aren't sure how to start? Come along to one of our free beginner's workshops for advice. Then, once you're underway, try our drop-in sessions for assistance with those trickier questions!

### FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

An introduction to key concepts and resources for complete beginners.

**All sessions take place in The Portal.**

**FREE but booking is essential:**

**Phone (0113) 378 6982 or email [localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk)**

*Wed 26 Sept, 2.30-4.00pm*

*Wed 17 Oct, 2.30-4.00pm*

*Wed 14 Nov, 2.30-4.00pm*

*Wed 12 Dec, 2.30-4.00pm*

### FAMILY HISTORY DROP-IN

Come and chat to our family history librarians at this informal advice session. From first steps with Ancestry.com to more involved enquiries, we're on hand to help.

**All sessions take place in The Portal from 10am to 12 noon and are FREE with no booking required.**

*Wednesday 5 September*

*Wednesday 3 October*

*Wednesday 7 November*

*Wednesday 5 December*

## WW1 Talks

### WAR WIDOWS

**Wednesday 14 November, 5 – 7pm  
Sanderson Room, 3rd floor**

Author Andrea Hetherington will speak about her latest book, *British Widows of the First World War – the Forgotten Legion*. This is the first major account of the experience of women who had to cope with the death of their husbands during the conflict and then rebuild their lives. There will also be the opportunity to browse the WWI collections from Central Library before the talk begins at 5.30pm.

**FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)**

### CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRISONERS OF LOFTHOUSE PARK CAMP NEAR WAKEFIELD, 1914-1919

**Wednesday 12 December, 1.00pm  
Sanderson Room, 3rd floor**

Lofthouse Park transitioned from an internment camp for civilians to a prisoner of war camp for officers in October 1918. This talk by Dr. Claudia Sternberg from the University of Leeds will look at the history of Lofthouse Park in the WWI period.

**FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.**

## Special Events

### SEA FEVER

**Thursday 25 October, 6.15pm  
Local & Family History, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Storyteller Matthew Bellwood brings to life a raft of tales inspired by the sea - featuring cross-dressing cabin boys, giant sea serpents, underwater tunnels and mermaids aplenty. A voyage to the bottom of the deepest ocean from the comfort of the Local and Family History Department. There will also be the opportunity to browse and handle seaworthy highlights from the Central Library.

**TICKETS £5-£7. BOOKING**

**REQUIRED:**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)**

### ELECTIONS THROUGH COLLECTIONS: WOMEN OF LEEDS

**Friday 16 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Abbey House Museum**

Join us as we once again partner up with Leeds Museums to explore elections through our collections. This year we will particularly focus on female politicians and citizens, both local and national, who have contributed to the rich political history of Leeds. There will be a chance to explore items from both the library and museum collections.

**TICKETS £5, BOOKING REQUIRED:**

**[abbey.house@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:abbey.house@leeds.gov.uk) or 0113 378 4079.**

### YORKSHIRE GHOST STORIES FROM TEMPLE NEWSAM

**Wednesday 31 October, 2.00 – 3.30pm, Temple Newsam House**

Ghoulish tales from Lord Halifax's Ghost Book and Lady Meynell's memoirs. Join Sally Hughes from the Local and Family History Library recounting the tales of these past residents of Temple Newsam House in the very place the unsettling stories were told and took place.

**CONTACT TEMPLE NEWSAM FOR**

**TICKETS: 0113 336 7460**

## Heritage Tours

### HERITAGE TOURS OF LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Thursday 11 October, 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 7 November, 2.00pm**

**Friday 7 December, 10.30am**

Join us for an entertaining trip behind the scenes of our magnificent Grade II\* listed building. Find out about the architecture, history and famous visitors, as well as visiting some secret corners! Tours last approximately 1 hour and leave from the ground floor atrium, outside the Lending department.

**TICKETS £5, BOOKING REQUIRED:**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)**