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## East Riding Archives newsletter March 2017

Dear <<First Name>>

It's been a very exciting few months here at the Treasure House. In February the 52nd Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition arrived and we've had record numbers of visitors flocking to see these amazing images. The exhibition runs until 22 April so you still have a few more weeks to catch it.

This month's newsletter features an archive menagerie, a chance to participate in our new oral history project and news from our conservation team.

Read on to find out more.



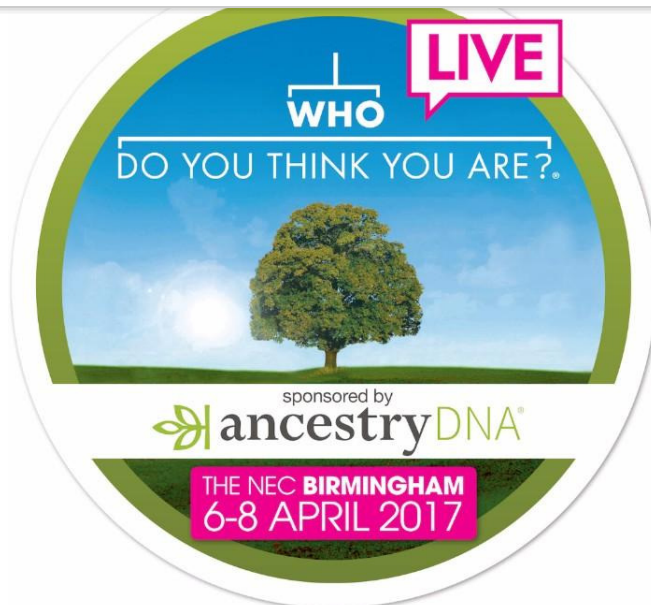
### Conservation news

While most of our treatments are performed in conservation workshop, once weekly we disappear in a remote part of the building - the quarantine room. It is isolated for a good reason – we use it to examine newly accessed collections for the presence of mould.

Mould is a kind of fungus which attacks organic materials such as paper, books, cloth, photographs, and leather, and is frequently found on collections which have been stored in damp environment. It is also one of the most common reasons for deterioration of items held in archives, especially dangerous since once activated, it can spread very quickly in favourable conditions. Some moulds not only make materials weak and smelly, leave stains and fluffy or powdery residue, but can also cause serious illnesses in humans.

Therefore it is very important to assess items which are entering our Archives. In extremely rare occasions of finding active mould, items are sent for disinfection externally. More frequently we find inactive fungal spores and residues, which we are able to remove and disinfect ourselves.

Since October 2016, when quarantine room was refurbished and we implemented new routine, 47 volumes and 7 boxes of documents were treated as needed.



## Who Do You Think You Are? Live

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In a few weeks time we're off to Birmingham to attend *Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2017*.

We've joined together with 9 other Yorkshire Archives services as part of the *Archives for Yorkshire* project to encourage people to come to Yorkshire to explore their family history. The stand at the fair will be staffed by archivists from across Yorkshire, encouraging genealogists to visit the region and use our unique archives. If you are coming to the fair make sure you find our stand and come along and say hello.



## Times of Old: Re-Told

They say 'there's a book in all of us' and, during the course of our lives, we all have a story or two to tell – some of us more than others. All too often though, these stories go untold, and unrecorded, with many people modestly assuming that no-one would ever want to hear what they had to say.

But they couldn't be further from the truth - what most people don't realise is that, over time, their life stories become a part of the history of the times in which they lived, and they give us an invaluable window on the past and our social history.

It's crucial that these stories are not lost and forgotten. That's why we are taking steps to ensure that memories of bygone times in our region are recorded for posterity in a new oral history project.

The project is called 'Times of Old: Re-Told' and we are appealing for volunteers to come forward and give interviews about their past experiences in of living in East Yorkshire, under one or any of the following themes:

Leisure'; and 'Transport'.

Our very own Dr Alex Ombler will be conducting the interviews and his extensive experience of documenting oral histories makes him an expert in this field.

Dr Ombler said: *"During the 1970s oral history in Britain was a facet of folklore studies, however, it has since grown to become a vital part of community histories. Today, oral history continues to be an important means by which we can 'make history' that can be recorded, archived and studied. We plan to invite members of the public to the Treasure House, either individually or in groups, to share the memories and experiences that they feel are important to their lives in the East Riding."*

The recordings will be preserved in the Digital Archive at the Treasure House so that this and future generations can benefit from them. We already have a valuable audio archive resource, but this project will allow us to build a more extensive collection of material and provide a more detailed and comprehensive record of our social history.

To volunteer for the **'Times of Old: Re-Told' oral history project** or to get more details, call (01482) 392790, email [archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk), or visit the East Riding Archives at the Treasure House, on Champney Road, Beverley.



From **11 February to 22 April 2017**, the Treasure House, Beverley will play host to the 52nd Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition as part of a series of events taking place in the East Riding during UK City of Culture year.

On loan from the Natural History Museum; this is one of the East Riding's major cultural events and is the most prestigious photography event of its kind.

For more information about this and other exhibitions & events taking place, visit our [events page](#) to download a copy of the Treasure House Exhibitions and Events brochure 2017.

## Animal Menagerie

To complement the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition in the Treasure House we have picked out a few historic images of animals and fantastical beasts from the archives, on display in our research room cabinet.

We've also tried a spot of 'pub safari' using animal themed public house signs from around the East Riding. Using the Quarter Sessions' list of 1826 of persons licensed to sell ale we have picked out a few pub signs to get you started. How many can you think of in the East Riding?



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