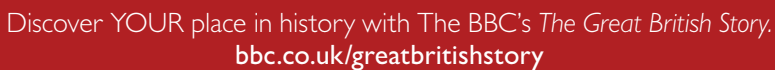


## A PEOPLE'S HISTORY



# The Great British Story: Lewes

Sunday 24 June, 11am - 4pm

Discover the hidden history of Lewes, delve into the past and uncover the stories of those who came before us with the help of our history experts. Take part in a project to capture the stories of Lewes streets and explore the origins of your surname. (Event includes family friendly activities).

The festival will include a performance of choral works of Sussex from The Phoenix Cantata, with the Everyman Chorus and Paddock Singers at 2.30pm in the Lewes Castle Garden.



Join us for this free BBC History festival  
and 'Discover YOUR place in history'

## Lewes Castle Garden & Education Room

Uncover more about Lewes Castle and other key buildings in Lewes's history – the Phoenix Iron Works & Lewes Priory. Learn about medieval trades and artefacts. Find out the meaning of your surname with the Society of Genealogist's 'Census Detectives'

You can also book onto the following:

### **13.00 & 15.00 'Battle of Lewes'**

Short guided walk around Castle precincts (45 mins)

### **11.30 & 14.00 'Introduction to Sussex Past Library'**

Unravelling Sussex streets (45mins)

### **13.00 & 15.00 Historical walking tours of Lewes with John Bleach (1 hour)**

(Limited places, please book via Lewes Castle Shop or call 01273 486290)

## East Sussex Record Office

Discover a wealth of historical documents and what they tell us about Lewes and Sussex past. Learn about conserving your old documents and photos. Ask an archivist how to decipher old handwriting. Research your ancestors' roots with local family history groups. Book onto one of the practical sessions or tours below:

### **Behind the Scenes Tours:**

11.30, 12.30, 14.00 and 15.00 (45mins)

### **Conservation Workshops:**

11.00, 12.00, 13.30, 15.00 (40 mins)

(Limited places, please book on the day at East Sussex Record Office reception)





## All Saints Centre

### From 11.00 until 15.00:

Find out how you can take part in Lewes History Group's 'Street Stories' – an oral history project supported by Spoken Memoirs.

### 11.30 Talk:

Prof John Blair, The Queen's College, Oxford:  
'Lewes before Lewes' – a fascinating insight into Lewes before the foundation of King Alfred's burh.

### 13.00 Films:

BBC Great British Story videos and Artemis Arts Films on Tom Paine, The Lewes Flood 2000 and The Phoenix Ironworks (drop-in).

### 14.00 Talk:

Kim Clark: The history of street names and twittens of Lewes.

(Talks are free but tickets are limited - book your tickets at [www.bbc.co.uk/tickets](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tickets))

## Westgate Chapel

Explore the history of the 'secret library' which is now the Minster's Vestry (open between 12.30 – 15.00).

## The Tom Paine Printing Press

Opposite Westgate Chapel, learn more about the history of letter press printing with demonstrations by Peter Chasseaud.



Print by Carolyn Trant.

In a new series for BBC Two, presented by Michael Wood, *The Great British Story* looks at history through the eyes of ordinary people. Rulers and royals, lords and ladies have all had their say down the centuries, but what were the last 1,600 years like for everyday Britons? Many of their stories have been lost in time but, with the help of our experts, *The Great British Story* has reclaimed voices from the past.

### Now it's your chance to get involved!

Come along to our BBC and partner-led events and discover YOUR place in history. Look out for *The Great British Story* all over the UK in spring/summer 2012 and learn how to delve into your past. Find out more about surnames, hidden landscapes, oral history, artefacts and memorabilia and local history.

Spend a day in some of Britain's top historic locations and have your questions answered. Every event is different – you might uncover the story behind an object you've dug up in the garden or even start to piece together the story of your ancestors. It's all waiting to be explored.

For more information go to *The Great British Story* website [bbc.co.uk/greatbritishstory](http://bbc.co.uk/greatbritishstory). For more details about BBC and partner-led *The Great British Story* events, please see the Things To Do website. Go to [bbc.co.uk/thingstodo](http://bbc.co.uk/thingstodo) and follow the simple steps to find more history events near you. Please note that not all events and activities are organised or run by the BBC.



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