



2nd NCA PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STOP PRESS “On the Road to Relevance” – NCA Conference 2003

The NCA is holding its annual conference on 26th March in Birmingham on the theme of archives and their contribution to social inclusion. Bookings are now being taken! *(Contact: Katie Norgrove on 020 8392 5376 for a programme and booking form)*

Archive Awareness Month September 2003 – Raising Profile

Although more and more people are using archives, many people have little or no idea of how archives could touch their lives. The NCA is spearheading a campaign to raise the profile of archives. A first stage of that campaign will be a month-long promotion of celebratory events in September 2003. Archives will be opening their doors all over the UK. *(Contact: Katie Norgrove on 020 8392 5376)*

Countdown to April 2003 – The Formation of The National Archives – p1

In our first briefing we discussed what the theoretical benefits of joining together the Public Record Office and the Historical Manuscripts Commission might be. April is quickly approaching and we offer a preview of what the first year of The National Archives will bring in practice. *(Contact: Kiera Benefer at archivista@pro.gov.uk)*

Building Better Partnerships – p2

Its easy to recognise that by working with others we can achieve more but how does this become a reality and what kinds of partnerships are archives developing? Here we highlight some of the range of partnerships you may not have thought of. *(Contact: Katie Norgrove on 020 8392 5376)*

Spotlight on What’s Happening Across the UK – p3

In the last few years those who look after archives have responded to challenge of regionalism and devolution. People have come together to think creatively about how they might deliver services at a regional or national level. We give you a flavour of what’s been going on. *(Contact: Katie Norgrove on 020 8392 5376)*

London – Black History in the Boroughs – p3

Encouraging schools to make the most of rich resources *(Contact: Carol Dixon on 020 7641 5266)*

The South East – Finding Out About Film – p4

The South East was the birthplace of commercial filmmaking in the UK, but do we know where those films ended up? *(Contact: Simon Bennett on 07780 700697)*

The South West – Digital Stroud – p4

Using technology to link different source of history into a living treasure trove. *(Contact: Rachel Pringle on 01823 259696)*

The West Midlands – The Profiles Project – p5

A first step towards making collections reflective of communities. You need to know what's there to start with. *(Contact: Philip Kiberd on 01527 872258)*

The East Midlands – Voices from the Past, Uses in the Present – p6

Users and professionals debating. *(Contact: Carl Harrison on 0116 257 1080)*

The East of England – Eastern Promise – p6

Creating a unity of purpose for archive in the East *(Contact: Gordon Chancellor on 01284 723317)*

Yorkshire – Treasure House – p7

How will East Riding of Yorkshire spend its grant of nearly £4m from the Heritage Lottery Fund? *(Contact: Claire Dyson on 0113 2638909)*

The North East – Experience Northumberland at Woodhorn - p7

Archives in action in a former coal mining community. *(Contact: Jill Dixon on 0191 222 1661)*

The North West – Mills, Mansions, Cornershops and LOGJAM – p8

Records of the industrial heartland of the North West aim to go on-line and cataloguing backlogs uncovered. *(Contact Janice Taylor on 01254 670211)*

Northern Ireland's Records On-line – eCATNI – p9

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland wins wide support for its e-cataloguing project. *(Contact: Aileen McClintock on 028 9025 5905)*

Searching Across the Valleys – Archive Network Wales – p9

The documentary heritage of Wales will come to you over the web. *(Contact: Martin Locock on 01970 632 800 ext 855)*

Cyngor Archifau Cymru: Archives Council Wales - Times Change – p10

How is the National Assembly for Wales changing the landscape in Wales. *(Contact: Mary Ellis on 01970 622069)*

A Landmark Event – Scottish Council on Archives – p11

A dearly-held ambition becomes reality North of the Border. *(Contact: Irene O'Brien on 0141 287 2908)*

Leading the Way to Freedom of Information – Case Study: West Sussex County Council – p11

What's a publication scheme and what's it like to produce a pilot? *(Contact Richard Childs on 01243 533911)*

