

# *talking history*

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**The East Midlands  
Oral History  
Archive**

## **Recording History**

EMOHA continues the work of conserving and cataloguing the oral history of Leicestershire and Rutland, with the support of the University of Leicester and the Centre for Urban History.

Whilst expanding our online catalogue and interview summaries we are developing some exciting new projects for oral history in the East Midlands region. Our website will be updated regularly with news and new resources.

EMOHA staff are available to provide a range of oral history services at competitive rates. Contact the EMOHA office for more information on training, workshops and talks on all aspects of oral history - interviewing, equipment, preservation, managing your project, storage, copying, cataloguing and editing. We can also take commissions for written work or providing recorded material for exhibitions or websites.

## **What is in the EMOHA Collections?**

The online EMOHA Catalogue now has over 900 entries to help you locate material of interest.

Recent additions include the Leicester Oral History Archive Collection, which records many aspects of Leicestershire life in the 20th century including interviews about specific places, working lives on the canals, trams and railways, sports such as boxing and football, and life in the hosiery and boot and shoe industries. For example, the Saffron Past and Present Collection recalls what it was like to live on 'the Saff' estate in Leicester and the campaign to rebuild the area in the 1990s.



EMOHA's Offices at 1 Salisbury Road, Leicester

The Second World War and the upheaval experienced on the homefront, especially by children, is the theme of the Evacuees Collection, which can now be found on the catalogue. Views of some of Leicester's Asian community can be found in the Ethnic Elders collection, which also gives an insight into the personal experience of migration and life in the Indian Sub-continent, Britain and Africa.

## **Collections Access**

Access to the material in the EMOHA collections is via the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, in Wigston. With the EMOHA project scaling down its activities the Record Office staff are now dealing with all enquires and appointments. At least one week's notice is required to make an appointment, which can be done by telephoning 0116 2571080.

Full information on access to EMOHA material can be found on our website along with the easy to use EMOHA Catalogue. Remember to give the full reference numbers and collection

name found on the catalogue when requesting material. Not all the material in the archive has been catalogued, so it may be worth looking at the collections information section or asking the Record Office staff to help you find what you are looking for. Full details of opening times and getting to the Record Office can also be found on the EMOHA website.

## **What is on the EMOHA Website?**

*Schools*—online resources for teachers and students. Excerpts from our 'Toys and Games' CD can be listened to, while the accompanying teachers' pack is now available online to download, and has proved to be very popular.

*Catalogue*—a searchable catalogue of EMOHA material with information on how to listen to the recordings at the Records Office in Wigston.

*Training*—downloadable information sheets about all aspects of oral history (including up to date information about equipment), practical advice about running an oral history project, and links to oral history websites which can offer more advice.

*Community*—a guide to the history of Leicestershire and Rutland on the web. Exhibitions include the village of Newton Burgoland, the Braunstone housing estate, the National Forest's LANDshapes oral histories, and hosiery in Leicester. Many photographs of places and buildings in Leicester.

*News and Diary*—keeping up to date with what is happening locally in the world of history.

EMOHA has also made contributions to websites such as The Showcase, 24 Hour Museum, and BBC Legacies.

## Rural Partnership

In collaboration with Leicestershire's Rural Partnership, EMOHA has recently been providing oral history content for villages on the Leicestershire Villages website. Sound clips bring to life many aspects of rural life over the past century, and can be found at [www.leicestershirevillages.co.uk](http://www.leicestershirevillages.co.uk). Look on the local history pages of the following villages: Bagworth, Bardon, Barkby, Barrow, Barwell, Blaby, Bottesford, Hungarton, Melton, Newton Burgoland, Oadby, Sharnford, South Wigston.

## In Development

EMOHA is creating resources for the University of Leicester which will advise students on the basics of interviewing. We are also providing oral history material for the new social history galleries at the Newarke Museum in Leicester, including the Leicestershire Regiment (The Tigers) gallery.

Check the EMOHA website for more information on these and other new developments.



They can't wait for the next EMOHA news sheet

## Schools & Education Resources

Oral History can be a useful teaching resource. Educational material from EMOHA can be borrowed free of charge from the University of Leicester Education Library. See our website for more details.

An oral history work pack entitled 'World War Two Through the Eyes of Children' compiled by EMOHA volunteer Jeanette Young is now available at the Education Library for use with the above recordings. Details about this and online WW2 resources can be found on EMOHA's website, which provides links to other local, national and international education and history sites.

## EMOHA Publications

Available from the EMOHA Office:

'Leicester Voices' by Cynthia Brown price £11.99 + £1 p&p

EMOHA 's Toys and Games Oral History CD price £ 7.00 + £1 p&p

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## EMOHA on the web



The EMOHA website is at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha>

The EMOHA catalogue is at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/catalogue.html>

Schools & Education Resources are at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/schools.html>

<http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/leicester/> - a collection of photographs, text, and sound about places and buildings in Leicester.



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