

Saffron Walden on the Map

Saturday 16 March 2013, 10.30am-3.30pm

Saffron Walden Town Hall, Market Square, Saffron Walden, CB10 1HR

In spring 2012, a fascinating discovery was made. A map of Saffron Walden dating back to 1757 – the oldest known map of this historic town – was found in an outbuilding on a local farm. It has now been transferred to the ERO to be cared for in our specialist storage facilities, and will be in Saffron Walden for one day only for a special event. Join us in the morning for one or all of our short talks about the history of maps and map-making, or join us any time to see the map and related displays.

- 11.00am **The Many Maps of Essex**, Peter Walker
Saffron Walden resident Peter Walker has been collecting and studying maps for several years, and has given talks to various local groups in Essex on maps dating from 1576 to 2009. He is a Chartered Accountant, but is trying to give that up and much prefers looking at maps to counting them.
- 11.30am **Pinning down the Ground: a brief overview of the origins of Military Survey**, Capt. Mike Barry, Royal Engineers
Mike is the Operations Captain in 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) based at Carver Barracks, Wimbish. Prior to joining the Army, Mike worked in the Defence Geographic Intelligence Agency and trained as a cartographer. Since starting his military career, he has maintained a strong interest in all things cartographic, in particular the historical aspects of Military Survey. He has deployed to Belize and Kenya and has been on Operations in Afghanistan twice, most recently as an Engineer advisor to 1st Battalion the Royal Welsh over the summer of 2012, seeing first hand the great importance maps still have in military decision making today. Mike lives on the base in Wimbish with his wife Emma and their daughter, 2 year old little explorer Sophia.
- 12.00noon **Saffron Walden in 1757: a map and its context**, Lizzie Sanders
Lizzie Sanders, Littlebury Local History Recorder, will explain how the 1757 map came to light, and why its existence reveals more than just roads and buildings. Lizzie is currently studying for an MA in Modern History at King's College, London.
- 12.30pm **Conserving the Saffron Walden Map**, Tony King
Tony King has been Senior Conservator at the Essex Record Office since 2010. After studying History at the University of Exeter, he studied for an MA in Conservation at Camberwell College of Arts. He has previously worked at Thomas Plume's Library and also as Conservator on the British Steel Archive Project at Teesside Archives for Middlesbrough University.

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