

Service to schools

- School groups and students are welcome to visit the History Centre. Due to restricted space we request that visits are booked in advance
- Available for loan are exhibition panels, a box each of reproduction Roman artefacts and reproduction Victorian toys also photographic booklets
- We have a collection of slides which can be brought into school for illustrated talks
- A list of subjects featured on exhibition panels is available on request.



Access

The Centre is accessible to wheelchair users.

Facilities

The History Centre is situated in the Arts Centre where there is a cafe and toilets.



Opening Times

Tuesday 7pm to 9pm access to 8pm

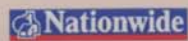
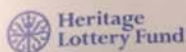
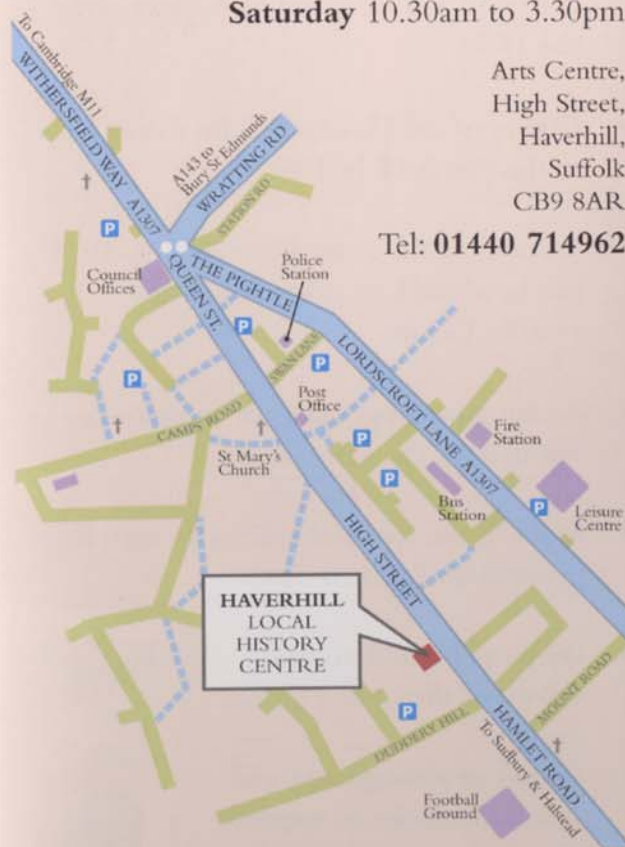
Thursday 2pm to 4pm
on this day a member of the Family History Group is there to offer help & advice on family research

Friday 2pm to 4pm

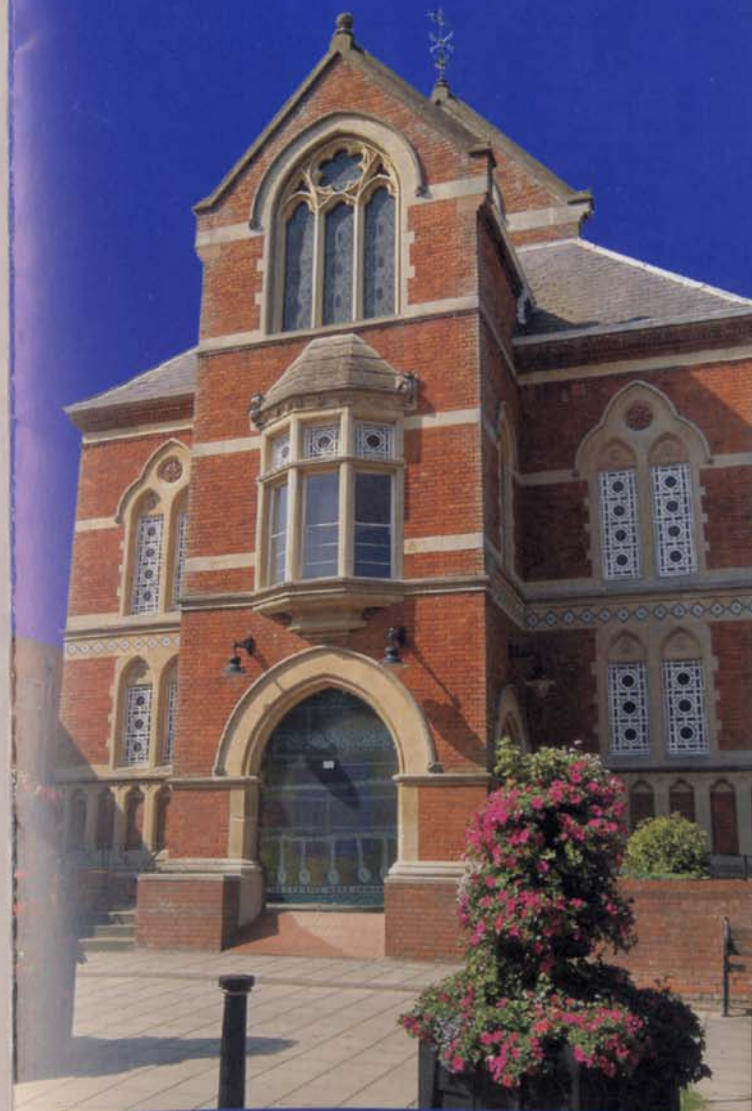
Saturday 10.30am to 3.30pm

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WELCOME TO THE HAVERHILL LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE



Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



There is a lot more to the history of Haverhill than people realise.

It is mentioned in the Domesday book and there have been many archaeological finds in the area dating from the Stone and Bronze ages to Roman times. Major reconstruction took place in the Victorian era when many of the houses seen today were built.

The town prospered during this time with steam powered looms at Gurteens factory and the coming of the railway. A second town expansion was in the 1960s when Haverhill became the first town to take people from the London overspill scheme. The roads into town all had a sign which read 'Welcome to Haverhill Pioneers in Town Expansion'.

Collections and facilities at the History Centre

- Over 6,000 photographs depicting life in Haverhill and surrounding villages since the 1880s
- Copies of the Haverhill Echo dating back to the first issue in 1888
- Editions of the Echo from 1888 to 1974 can be viewed on microfilm at the History Centre
- A changing programme of exhibitions throughout the year
- Maps of the area and articles written from research undertaken
- Books published on most aspects of the town's history
- Copies of photographs and articles available on request
- Family history and advice on Thursdays.

Membership

If you would like to become more involved in the heritage of the area the Haverhill & District Local History Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month from September to May and during the summer months outings are organised.

Benefits include

- guest speakers on subjects of local interest
- summer excursions
- free copies of the Group's journal the 'Historian' published twice a year.

