



WHEN THE SEA CAME IN

REMEMBERING THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1953

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023

1:00pm - 5:00pm at The Hold, Ipswich

An afternoon of talks jointly hosted by the University of Suffolk and Suffolk Archives commemorating 70 years since the deadly floods of 1953.

This event will focus on the impact the floods of 1953 had upon Suffolk. Featuring contributions from historians and flood emergency professionals it will revisit the 'Great Tide' seventy years on to highlight lesser-known aspects of its consequences for the county. What made the floods of 1953 so deadly? What were the implications for Suffolk's coastal landscape and agricultural economy? What was the emergency response in 1953 and how effective was it? Is such an event likely to occur again? How well prepared is Suffolk to face a similar challenge?

Book your free place at:
www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/whatson

SCHEDULE AND PRESENTERS

Our latest exhibition '*Suffolk's Green Story*' will be open from 10:30am and we will also be hosting an archives showcase relating to the floods from 11am in the Education Room.

- 1:00 - 1:15 *Introduction to the 1953 Floods*
Denise Parkinson (University of Suffolk)
- 1:15 - 1:45 *The Human Cost of the Floods: Factors influencing Mortality in Coastal Suffolk*
Dr Harvey Osborne (University of Suffolk)
- 1:45 - 2:15 *'The Battle of the Breaches'; The Emergency Response to the 1953 Floods*
Dr John Greenacre (University of Suffolk)

15 mins comfort break

- 2:30 - 3:00 *The impact of the Floods on the Suffolk Landscape and agricultural economy*
Denise Parkinson (University of Suffolk)

Tea/Coffee Break

- 3:30 - 4:00 *Benjamin Britten, the Aldeburgh Festival and the 1953 Floods*
Dr Christopher Hilton (Britten Pears Arts)
- 4:00 - 4:30 *Current Coastal Flood Risk, Warning and Response*
Peter Langford MBE (Suffolk Resilience Forum)
- 4:30 - 5:00 Panel Questions
- 5:00 Close