



National Festival of LGBT History: York hub

Saturday 11th February 2017, York Explore Library & Archive

- 10.30** Stephen Miller
Maurice Dobson: a story of bravery, acceptance and love
The unique story of Maurice Dobson (1912-1990): a gay ex-coal miner, WW2 veteran and antiques collector who lived in Darfield, South Yorkshire.
- 11.00** Jeff Evans
Criminal prosecution of inter-male sex, 1850-1970
How did prosecution of sex between men change over this 120-year period?
- 11.30** **Break**
- 12.00** Caroline Paige
True Colours: trailblazing transgender service in the military
The untold story of what it meant to be transgender in the British military before and after permissive service. From 1980 to 2014, the highs and the lows, in peacetime and in war.
- 12.30** Paul Amann
Kop Outs: You'll Never Walk Alone
The story of the development of Kop Outs, Liverpool FC's LGBT fan club, from a time when being LGBT and a football fan appeared mutually exclusive, to the development of a club-recognised fan group helping enable LGBT fans to attend the match in confidence.
- 13.00** **Lunch**
- 14.00** Rainer Schulze
The Battle for Decriminalisation of (Male) Homosexuality in Germany, 1945-69
Rainer tells the story of the long battle for recognition and acceptance in (West) Germany following the defeat of Nazism up to the partial decriminalisation of (male) homosexuality in 1969. Given the battles for recognition and acceptance in other parts of the world right now, can we learn from history and from each other?

- 14.30** Juno Jones
The Gay Liberation Front: how we invented direct action
Juno draws on her personal experience of activism with the Gay Liberation Front to provide the background and origins of LGBT direct action in the UK and eyewitness accounts of protests from the Miss World Contest to the London Stock Exchange.
- 15.00** **Break**
- 15.30** Jane Traies
The Other Consenting Adults: or, What were lesbians doing in 1967?
In 2017 we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Act of Parliament which partially decriminalised homosexuality between men. Lesbians, never having been illegal, are not officially part of this story – but the media spotlight that was trained on their gay brothers at that time sometimes illuminated their struggle, too. This presentation draws on contemporary reporting and on Jane's own oral history research to uncover the hidden lives of lesbians in the 1960s.
- 16.00** Alison Child
Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney: 'Our love is a thing apart'
Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney were household names in the 1920's. They filled the London Palladium for the farewell performance of their variety act in 1932. They were lovers between 1917 to 1931 and counted Radclyffe Hall, Jo Carstairs and Tallulah Bankhead amongst their close friends. Alison will explore the reasons these remarkable women have been excluded from cultural memory.