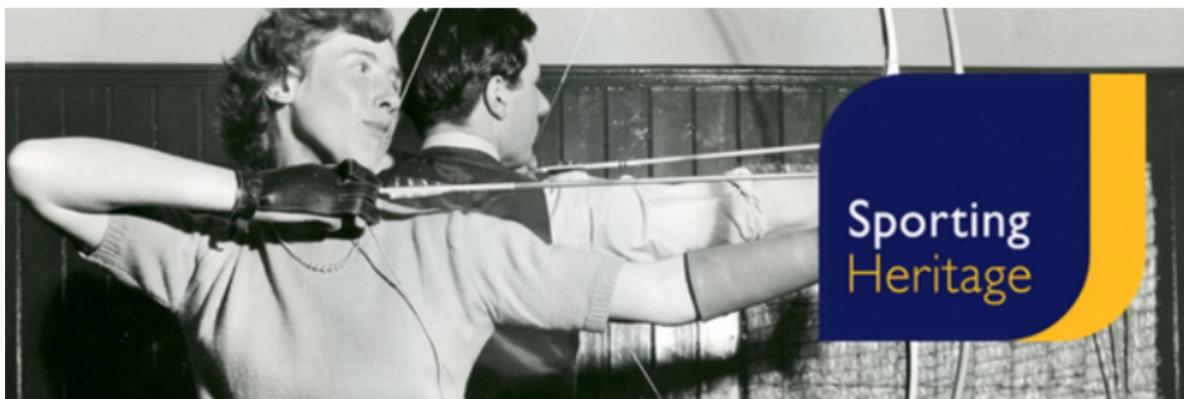


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Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter. Information today includes:

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Celebrate Your Sporting Heritage
Sporting Heritage Successful in Art Fund Bid!

Sporting Heritage are hugely excited to announce a new project which will launch in the next month funded by the Art Fund. Aiming to build a digital case study archive of sporting heritage collections to celebrate sporting heritage, the project will provide straightforward advice and guidance on how to create a simple YouTube video from home, or how to create a podcast. It's hoped that the tutorials will support those working with collections to share sporting stories, photographs, film, objects and archives related to their museum, archive, club, or own collection - from their own homes.

Art Fund_

We're delighted to announce our project leads on this programme, Belinda Scarlett and Kate Turner. Belinda and Kate have extensive experience working in the sector and driving digital campaigns and heritage support.

Free Webinar Series Launched!

Our new sector support webinar offer will launch at the end of May. Aiming to bring up to date advice and guidance to support your organisations and collections, the following webinars are now available to book (*see below*). For the foreseeable future, the webinars are free to all, including non-members, to support the sector at this challenging time.



Webinars Open For Bookings Now!

In order to help SSNs, Sporting Heritage members and the wider Heritage sector respond to the impact, issues and challenges they face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sporting Heritage is working with Jo Boardman and Fran Stovold to offer a series of FREE practical webinars on subjects relevant to the

sector. All sessions will include a presentation and an opportunity for questions.

These webinars aim to assist individuals and organisations with the short-term issues and challenges that many are currently facing managing their collections, day to day operations, and funding/investment as well as take into consideration the medium to long term recovery planning priorities that need to be addressed to be able to adapt to change.

Helping Your Organisation Through COVID-19 **Thursday 28 May, 11.00am - 12.00pm**

A guide of support, information and resources available to help you on the road to recovery. This first Webinar will help you to navigate your way through the maze of information, advice, support and funding available during the COVID-19 crisis. Are you able to filter out what information, advice and funding is relevant for you as well as manage your day to day operations in what is now our 'New Normal' way of working? This short live online session will include a 40 minute presentation exploring what is currently available for cultural and heritage organisations, as well as what practical systems, processes, and policies you may need to consider in the recovery phase, as well as a live Q&A session and signposting links from the hosts.

Register your interest [HERE](#) to reserve a place:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-your-organisation-through-covid19-free-webinar-tickets-105392032406.

Making the Most of Your Collections **Thursday 25 June, 11.00am – 12 noon**

Do you want to do more with your collection but not sure where to start? A good catalogue is at the heart of all collection work. Join us for an introduction to simple cataloguing and how it can be used to start using, promoting and developing your collection in new ways.

Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-the-most-of-your-collections-free-webinar-tickets-106009198366

Is Your Collection at Risk?
Thursday 23 July, 11.00am – 12 noon

There are many factors that can put collections at risk. Some of which we can plan for and others less so. Join us for an informative look a range of risk factors, including those caused by the latest COVID-19 pandemic, how you can mitigate against them and where to find help and support if you run into difficult times.

Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/is-your-collection-at-risk-free-webinar-tickets-106011932544.

Practical Approaches to Oral History
Thursday 27 August, 11.00am – 12 noon

Oral histories can bring collections to life. Join us for an informal introduction to collecting personal testimonies, and in particular sporting memories. We will discuss a range of topics, signpost to best practise examples and recommend sources of further information and training.

Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-approaches-to-oral-history-free-webinar-tickets-106014141150.

Sporting Heritage Launch
#yoursportingstory Campaign

We are delighted to launch our new Sporting Heritage social media campaign this week in support of our Sport England funded project, focusing on Disability and Women's sports collections. The campaign will run up to National Sporting Heritage Day, [#NSHD2020](https://www.nshd2020.org/), Sept 30th. So, please do get involved!

[#yoursportingstory](https://www.yoursportingstory.org/) encourages sporting personalities to search out a favourite object from their personal sporting heritage collection, be it a medal, piece of kit, photo etc that holds a special memory and then share the story behind it in a short video clip. Initially, we have challenged our own sporting ambassadors to get involved and lead the way.

First up was World and European 800m medallist, Jenny Meadows (see *below*). You can hear her sporting story on our YouTube channel: youtu.be/VKUZE1vc0dw.



**Sports History Study Day
Monday 22 June
Hosted Online by Heritage Quay**



Get advice from experts and find out more about the England Netball Archive and the Rugby Football League Archive.

Special guests: Professor Tony Collins, Dr Sam Oldfield and Dr Justine Reilly.

Email hqbookings@hud.ac.uk for your invite or visit heritagequay.org/event/sports-study-day for more information.

Shining a Light on Our Sporting Collections Scoping Project

And we are off!!! Thank you for those of who have been in touch - you have shared such amazing collections and we are loving the sporting stories: such a rich collection and we know more are out there!

For those who missed it last month we launched our Collections Scoping project – which begins with you telling us about what heritage collections, memorabilia and artefacts you have and where it is. We have developed a simple survey for you to complete to tell us about your treasure: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sportingheritage.

Last month we received information on an amazing collection from Birchfield Harriers – who have a rich history dating back to 1877. Wow, how awesome is that? I know when I watch athletics on telly I often hear the name Birchfield Harriers and in their illustrious history they can boast 100 Olympians, Paralympians and Deaflympians.

Many Birchfield Harriers served in World War II but the club has no memorial which commemorates their service. Fortunately, the club magazine, 'Stagbearer' carried news of their letters home and documented deaths, injuries and athletic achievements as well as carrying news from Prisoner of War camps – a wonderful resource! (1942 edition pictured right). The Club is now collating a list of members who served in the armed forces so that they can be remembered.

In recent years, various parts of the collection have been on display when there have been athletics meetings at the



Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, and much of the work that has been done to document the club's history can be found here: archive.birchfieldharriers.com. Many items can also be found at their clubhouse.

The club has an extensive archive which holds relevant documents and memorabilia from over 140 years of the club's history. Highlights include a medal from the 1936 Berlin Olympics, as well as lots of material from key female athletes in recent history such as Kelly Sotherton, Denise Lewis and Katherine Merry.

Birchfield Harriers have done a lot of work in trying to document the history of their club and their website has managed to bring to life so many successful and famous athletes that the club is so rightly proud of. They also have a fantastic photo archive – a couple of examples of which can be seen here.



Birchfield Harriers Ladies training at Perry Barr Track 1929

Right: Dorothy Neale (later Nelson-Neale). Dorothy was a high-ranking member of Birchfield Harriers, and a respected athlete, coach and official. She is recognised as the first female to coach a female athlete to a World Record, having



been the coach of Diane Leather when she became the first woman to run the mile in under five minutes. She had a stand named after her at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.



Do you have an interesting, unknown, hidden or not recognised sporting heritage collection?

We are here to help you profile your collection and give you advice about possible funding and support to help preserve and maintain your collections. Your first step is to [complete the questionnaire](#). Any questions please contact Brigid Power brigidbradley@yahoo.co.uk or Julia Lee julia.lee@csi2012.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Call for Conference Presentations



As you may have read last month, we've taken the decision to postpone our physical conference this year and instead to deliver a virtual Sporting Heritage Summit, taking place on the 22nd and 23rd October. It's not too late to submit your ideas to take part in the conference, and we're keen to hear from people across the sector and ensure a range of voices and collections are represented through the programme.

For further information, please visit: www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/category/news/sporting-heritage-conference-2018/2020-sporting-heritage-

[conference.](#)

Ongoing Grants

National Heritage Memorial Fund

The National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) helps to save some of our most-loved treasures from being lost forever. A resource of last resort, the NHMF provides financial assistance towards the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of some of the UK's finest objects and landscapes, from trains to artworks, wildlife havens to manuscripts.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports a broad range of charities across the UK that make a positive difference. They fund a wide range of causes and charities and grants vary according to the size of the charity and the work being undertaken. Grants are available for Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Faith, Health, Museums and Heritage, Welfare and Youth.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Re-Opening Archive Services

The National Archives has added a new section to its coronavirus guidance webpages on the topic of making plans for an archive service's re-opening. The page currently contains a list of principles and operational factors that an archive service should take into account when drawing together such plans:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/our-archives-sector-role/coronavirus-update/making-plans-for-re-opening.

Since the situation at the moment is changing quickly, we will be updating this

webpage regularly to reflect the latest developments. We are also developing more detailed risk management support and will publish it as soon as possible.

SH Membership

We aim to bring as much freely available information and support to the sector at this time and are trying to open access that would usually only be free to our members, to all for the next six months. If you are able to join as a member though, we would be so hugely grateful as we rely on our membership fees to keep running and keep doing what we do.

You can join by visiting our website here:
www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member.

Thank you all for your support!

As always, we'd love to hear and share your news via this newsletter, but also through our social media feeds. You can follow us on twitter [@sportinghistory](https://twitter.com/sportinghistory), on Facebook and Instagram [@sportingheritagecic](https://www.instagram.com/sportingheritagecic) or Sporting Heritage on LinkedIn using the hashtag #sportingheritage.

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