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**Local Children “Go Elizabethan”**

Local residents have been treated to a very special free costumed event at The National Archives. The event, entitled; “the Elizabethan Wardrobe” gave visitors the unique opportunity to see ornate Elizabethan costumes and learn more about the period in a fun and interesting way.

Children were able to get dressed in the kind of clothes Elizabeth would have worn as a child and also to discover the fabric, fashion and symbolism of the clothes she wore as an adult. They were able to view and find out how fashions changed over Elizabeth I’s lifetime. A costumed interpreter lead this fun discovery session and also looked at how documents in The National Archives reveal more about Elizabeth’s wardrobe.

The event was held as part of a series of events organised by The National Archives to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth 1.

A fascinating free exhibition of letters, portraits and maps that relate to Elizabeth will also be held in The National Archives Museum until 11<sup>th</sup> June. Visitors can come and examine the records and find out about the woman behind the icon.

*Notes For Editors:*

- The Public Record Office, the national archive of England, Wales and the United Kingdom came together with the Historic Manuscripts Commission on the 2 April 2003 to become The National Archives.
- The National Archives is open to the public to carry out research 6 days a week. It holds over 1000 years of documents including sources for family history research.
- If you have any enquiries with regard to these events please contact the Interpretation team tel: 020 83925202 or e-mail [events@nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:events@nationalarchives.gov.uk)