



Clockwise from left: Garden at Red Lodge, Bristol's City Museum and Art Gallery, drawing room at The Georgian House and a display at Blaise Castle (Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives).



## RESOURCES

For researchers of local and family history, the large Local Studies collection in Bristol Central Library provides newspapers, maps, street directories, censuses, an ancestry database, illustrations, photographs and an oral history archive, among many other resources. The Bristol Record Office is also a good source of information for local historians and houses the research room for the Bristol and Avon Family History Society. Other organisations in the area leading local history research include the Regional History Centre at the University of the West of England which was established in 1997 to promote research into the history of Britain's South Western counties. Topics covered by its recent projects include immigrants and minorities in Bristol, and women and philanthropy in the city. The Bristol Radical History Group organises lectures and talks given by members of the public, local history groups and visiting expert speakers. The events aim to 'open up some of the "hidden" history of Bristol to the public scrutiny and challenge some "commonly" held ideas about historical events in the Bristol's past'.

Places to visit locally include Bristol's City Museum and Art Gallery, Blaise Castle, Red Lodge and The Georgian House, all managed by Bristol City Council. The Museum of Bristol will open at the site of the former Industrial Museum in 2010.

Websites to visit include About Bristol ([www.about-bristol.co.uk](http://www.about-bristol.co.uk)), Bristol Past ([www.buildinghistory.org/bristol](http://www.buildinghistory.org/bristol)), Port Cities: Bristol ([www.discoveringbristol.org.uk](http://www.discoveringbristol.org.uk)) and Memories of Bristol ([www.bristolhistory.com](http://www.bristolhistory.com)).

Redcliffe Press publishes many titles of interest to local historians including *From Bristol to the Sea: artists, the Avon Gorge and Bristol Harbour*, *The Making of Modern Bristol*, *The Story of Bristol: from the Middle Ages to today* and *To Build the Second City: architects and craftsmen of Georgian Bristol*. Most libraries and bookshops will keep a selection of these and other titles relating to Bristol's history.

See the Activities and Resources section of the website [www.bristolreads.com](http://www.bristolreads.com) for further details of local history resources.