

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1087748

Next Meeting:

Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall

Fig-leaves to Feather Boas with Frances Saltmarsh

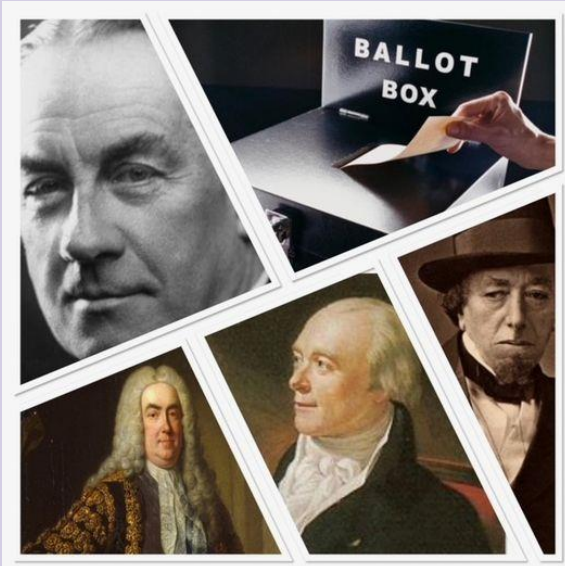
From pre-historic times we have found ways to decorate and enhance our bodies to correspond to the prevailing fashions of the time. Delve into the world of costume, both inside and out; discover some of the mysteries behind the outer layer of clothing, along with the opportunity to touch, feel and see some examples of costume I have collected over the years. Learn how architecture and the arts also influences the way in which we dress; how status in society imposes fines and levies if we presume to 'step out of line' and how we have contorted our bodies all in the name of fashion!



As someone who has always been fascinated by history, costume and design I was drawn to researching the subject in greater depth, especially when I was given some authentic pieces of Victorian and Edwardian underwear!

Fran Saltmarsh, Costume Historian.

DID YOU KNOW - It is the 70th anniversary of the first roll-on/roll-off ferry crossing of the English Channel, Dover to Boulogne. (30th June 1953).



What an interesting evening we had at last month's 'Monthly' meeting. Four of our members made a plea on behalf of four past Prime Ministers all with differing backgrounds and ideals.

Many thanks to Neil (Robert Walpole), Peter (Spencer Percival), Ed (Benjamin Disraeli) and John (Stanley Baldwin) for taking part in the proceedings and also to Ed for suggesting the topic and helping with the script. Our 'Returning

Officer' Rosemary read out the result announcing Stanley Baldwin as overall winner with a large majority of the votes.

Armed Forces Day – Saturday 24th June

We will be having a presence at the AFD to be held on the Market Square starting at 11am.

Besides our normal stand, which this year will be promoting the good work all of Services, we also have some children's activities.

The Town Council are organising a convoy of military vehicles around the town ending up on the square, music and lots of other activities. Always a good day out, why not come along and show your support?



Our Secretary, Charmian Thompson was recently approached to visit the 1st Haverhill Cubs. They are working towards their history badge, so Charmian presented a 'virtual' tour of Haverhill highlighting some of the older and historic aspects of the town. It was great to see young people interested in local history.

HOT OF THE PRESS

Although details are still to be finalised, we have arranged a village walk around Cavendish. Hosted by the Cavendish History Group this will take place on the Thursday 10th August starting at 7pm. Hopefully we will visit a local hostelry for refreshment afterwards. As usual there will be a small donation required to cover cost of the walk and refreshments. More details will be forwarded at a later date so watch out for further news.



Spaces will be limited so anyone wishing to join us please let me know as soon as possible.

Cavendish is a charming village located in the county of Suffolk, England. It is known for its picturesque scenery, traditional thatched-roof cottages, and historical landmarks. Taking a walk around Cavendish allows you to immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere of this quintessential English village.

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ZOOM TALKS

Monday 12 June 2023 at 7:30pm
Research and Records using the CWGC Archives with Stuart Durrell

Explore some of the gems in the collection and discover more about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's war records.

Monday 3 July 2023 at 7:30pm
The Ill, the Impoverished and the Insane with Janet Few

Our wealthier ancestors left behind them wills, records of property ownership and evidence of careers in the professions. This presentation focuses on those who were less fortunate. In a society that made little provision for those who fell on hard times, often through no fault of their own, many of our ancestors became marginalised. Nonetheless, they may have left their own legacy that can be uncovered in the archives. The many and fascinating records of workhouses, hospitals, asylums and the overseers of the poor will be explained.

The Bury group recently held their AGM and announced its closure due to a lack of members and people to help administer the group. Sad news indeed.

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A continuing series of free on-line ZOOM talks

Stuart Durrell The Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Presents at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 12th June

The Graves of the Fallen
Imperial War Graves Commission

Research using the CWGC Archives, explore some of the collection's gems. Discover more about our war records.

Register in advance for this Free talk, using:
<https://tinyurl.com/CWGC12jun>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Become a Society Member. Why Not Join NOW!
You will get early notice of future ZOOM Talks, latest Society News, access to our Members Help Page, – (with rare resources, etc.) and chat to other members if you are stuck. You also get discounts on DATA CD's and Downloads. To join, go to the MEMBERSHIP tab on our website.
www.suffolkfhs.org.uk
You can also find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkFamilyHistorySociety/>

TALK ABOUT COMPLICATED TREES?



At age 52, Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman married 18-year-old Mandy Smith, though they divorced after only a year. Then, Bill's son Stephan married Mandy's mother, making Bill the **father-in-law of his ex mother-in-law**, and the **step-grandfather of his former wife**.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook or visit the Suffolk Family History Society web site. Both will give up to date information on all our events this year.



Haverhill Family History Group

**Suffolk Family History
Society Website**



2023 Programme of Meetings & Events

Usually, 2nd Thurs of the month, **unless stated otherwise**, start 7.30 pm,

Old Independent Church Hall (**CB9 9EF**), members £1 visitors £2.50 inc. tea/coffee

8 June 2023	Fig-leaves to Feather Boas	Frances Saltmarsh
4 July 10.30am	Guided walk around Bury St. Edmunds	FULL
10 August 7pm	A guided village walk – (Cavendish)	Must Book
14 Sept 2023	Blue Plaque for a Haverhill Person Who would you choose?	Ourselves
Sat 16 Sept (TBC)	OPEN DAY at Haverhill Library (CB9 8HB) 10am – 3pm (TBC)	Ourselves
12 Oct 2023	History of Spoken History	Charlie Haylock
9 Nov 2023	Bravery, Courage & Casualties	Ourselves
14 Dec 2023	Christmas Quiz A light-hearted social evening with refreshments	Ourselves

Wednesday afternoons, help with your Research at Haverhill Library 2 - 4pm

Guided use of the Internet, especially for newcomers or those 'stuck'

telephone 01440 848095 to book your place