



NEWSLETTER

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SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1087748

Next Meeting:

Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall

Charlie Haylock - History of spoken English



This is not a talk on split infinitives, and what the differences are between the past participle and the past tense. Definitely not! Charlie shows how the seeds of spoken English was first sown, and how each invading force affected the English language with the different sounds they brought. Charlie includes a dialect tour of the British Isles, demonstrating the different facial expressions of each dialect. He also shows how some people he knows that lip read can tell what dialect a person has.

Charlie Haylock needs no introduction. He is one of Suffolk's leading entertainers. His informative and hilarious one-man shows are legendary in the county and his books have all been best sellers.

The **Haverhill Heritage** events got off to a scorching start on Sunday 10th September with the Guided Cemetery Walk.

Tour leaders from Haverhill Family History Group were thrilled with the uptake and although it was particularly hot, they found sufficient pockets of shade to keep everyone as cool as possible.

Each participant was given a booklet to accompany the tour.



Our group, in collaboration with the Local History Museum and Charles Gurteen, also arranged an open day at **Chantry Mills** which proved to be a huge success with over 200 visitors during the four hour opening period. Visitors were able to see 'Caroline' the Victorian steam engine working together with an exhibition about Chantry Mills. There was also an opportunity to see artefacts from the Gurteen private collection which included a jacket made for Ringo Starr of the Beatles!

Meanwhile outside, Paul Sadler, had set up his rope making machine which originally came from the old Haverhill Rope & Twine Company and demonstrated the art of rope making which produced a lot of interest.



Other events included:-

'Haverhill Notables', Stories about some local people worthy of a plaque.

Guided Church Tours, Old Independent Church and St Marys.

Talk and tour of the Arts Centre Celebrating the 140th anniversary.

Stained Glass and Conservation – a talk by Derek Hunt.

These events were made possible due to the financial support given by Suffolk County Councillor, David Roach.



This month a Friday falls on the 13th!

MISHAPS ON FRIDAY THE 13TH

1. 1930. SIR HENRY SEGRAVE was killed on Friday, 13 June on Lake Windermere attempting to break the world water speed record.
2. 1972. A plane crash in Chile left survivors stranded in the Andes without food supplies. They were forced to turn to cannibalism in order to survive.
3. 1981. The British Museum had to cancel a lecture entitled 'Good and Bad Luck in the Ancient World', scheduled for Friday, 13 November, after the lecturer was taken ill.
4. 1984. TERENCE TALBOT was due in court on Friday 13, January to face a drink-driving charge. On the way to court, he was involved in a car crash.
5. 1987. Gravedigger JOHN GIBLIN ended up in hospital on Friday, 13 March after falling into an open grave and breaking his leg on the coffin.

Do you have any Friday 13th tales???

WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT?

Whilst Facebook isn't everybody's cup of tea, I chose the site 'The real E16: Canning Town, Custom House, Silvertown, North Woolwich' to research my Cockney ancestors. I responded to a picture of housing built for dockers' families in the mid-1800s that interested me. I gave some family names and dates and casually ended by saying 'Who knows, maybe some of my relatives still live in Custom House'.

Within minutes the site's administrator had tagged a lady, Doreen, who had the same surname as my great grandfather. Amazingly she and I are cousins. Don't ask me what type of cousin tho!

Doreen is my great grandfather's niece. My great grandfather was born in 1870, the eldest of a large family, and Doreen's father was born in 1893, the youngest of the family. She still lives in Custom House not far from the family's home of all those years ago.

SO give Facebook a try who knows what or who you might find.

Rosemary Fletcher

Thank you Rosemary. Anyone else had a success with Facebook? Do please let me know. By the way Rosemary, I think she is your 1st Cousin twice removed!

Brian Thompson



Sadly, we have to report the passing of Keith Brown. In the past Keith was a prominent member of the group. Besides being treasurer, he played a big part in helping people with their research as a volunteer at our Wednesday afternoon help sessions and open days.

Keith passed away peacefully on Monday 28th August 2023, aged just 76 years.

Besides being an active member of our group, he also ran Keith Brown Motors, was a founder member of Haverhill Rotary Club and former Captain of Haverhill Golf Club

His Funeral Service was held on Friday 29th September at Clare.

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Upcoming Zooms

10 Oct 2023: SFHS AGM 7.30pm

13 Nov 2023: Linda Hammond: "Buried deep but not lost forever: Discovering your Ancestor's final resting place."

4 Dec 2023: Chris Wright: "Suffolk & Pirate Radio"

Suffolk FHS Fair (Saturday 14th October at the Hold in Ipswich)

The programme is looking really good and we also have had a great response from organisations wanting to have stalls.

We have the following talks scheduled....

- Beginning Your Family History - How Suffolk Archives Can Help
- An Introduction to researching Huguenot (and Walloon) ancestors
- Researching Before Parish Registers
- How to make the most of DNA- the only record that can't lie!

Suffolk FHS Fair

Fascinating talks, interesting displays/stalls from Family History and related organisations

10:20 Suffolk Archives and Ancestry
10:40 Beginning your Family History
11:30 Researching Huguenot Ancestors
12:15 Break
13:30 Researching before parish registers
14:45 Break
15:10 How to make the most of DNA

Saturday 14th October 2023
10am to 4.30pm
Free entry

The Hold
131 Fore St
Ipswich IP4 1LN
Car parks nearby

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Special guests

Judith Berry, from the Suffolk Archives: "Beginning your Family History ... Where do you start? Based on our experiences, I'll be looking at the top 10 things to do to start your research, whether you're Suffolk born or not!"

Bandra Robinson is a Huguenot ancestry specialist. The Walloons and the Huguenots were French-speaking Calvinist Protestants who fled persecution in Flanders and France from the mid 16th onwards. Why? How? What? Could I have Walloon and/or Huguenot ancestry?

Ian Waller is a retired professional genealogist, author, member of FFHS, AGA and the Society of Genealogists. Pre 1600 research, before parish registers, what is available and where. A guide and encouragement.

Peter Calver, founder of Lost Cousins, has been working with DNA since 2012. "How to make the most of DNA- the only record that can't lie!" Peter will explain what works, what doesn't, and how to keep it simple.

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- 4 groups in Suffolk with monthly meetings
- Monthly free Zoom presentations
- Parish register transcripts available

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SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

(1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

(2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

(3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.

(4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

(5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

(6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

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

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