



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1087748

## Next Meeting:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm

## Old Independent Church Hall

## Charmian Thompson presents - Bravery, Courage & Casualties



Another in our 'Less we Forget' series. Come along to hear interesting stories of bravery, some enlightening, some sad, with a chance to consider yourself who or what deserves recognition for bravery.

## Would you have had the courage?

**Research/Open Day – Haverhill Library - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am-2pm**

If you are struggling with your research, need some help, starting out or just interested in what our group gets involved with, come along to our Open Day. Plenty of helpers available to assist with your needs.

**EVERYONE WELCOME.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Haverhill Family History Group started up in 1983 and therefore we are celebrating our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.**

The earliest gatherings were in organiser Margaret Elsdon's kitchen where refreshments were readily available. This remains an important consideration today!

As the group got bigger it moved from the Margaret's kitchen to the Old Independent Church where we still hold our meetings.



Richard Deeks, who did much early work on Suffolk transportees, was the first professional speaker in April 1984. His fee for the night was £5, with hire of the hall £2 and receipts just £2!

In 2007, free access to Ancestry arrived at the library and following an 'Open Day' that month the first 'Help Session' was held there on 7th Feb. With growing demand, and the essential support of helpers, these soon became a weekly event and still operate on a weekly basis every Wednesday afternoon.



**40 years** ago, family history research was not easy. People had to visit libraries and records offices to access primary genealogical material. People became very familiar with Fiche Readers and the like. Nowadays access to online information makes the task slightly easier?

## More anniversaries



**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - The BBC broadcasts the first ever episode of Doctor Who (starring William Hartnell) which is the world's longest running science fiction drama. (23rd Nov 1963). Who else hid behind the chair when this was on?

On the **22 November**, it will be the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of **President John F Kennedy's** assassination. The youngest US president to have been elected, his death was a huge turning point in American history.



# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Family History (Haverhill) Group

**Want to find out more about Family History?  
Need help with your research?  
Just starting out?**

**We have 40 years of experience  
Come along and visit us**

- ❖ *Help given*
- ❖ *Free advice*
- ❖ *Find out about our group*
- ❖ *Everyone welcome*




**Haverhill Library**

**Saturday 4th November 10am – 2pm**



What a great turnout at the last meeting when a virtually packed house came to listen to Charlie Haylock present the '**History of Spoken English**'. It was nice to see one or two new faces and our Society Chairman, Andy Kerridge, who also paid us a visit.

**Four fathers, two grandfathers  
and four sons went to watch a movie**



**What is the minimum number  
of tickets they need to buy?**

**Answer at the end of the newsletter.**

## **Suffolk Family History Society News**

### **Next Online Zoom meetings**

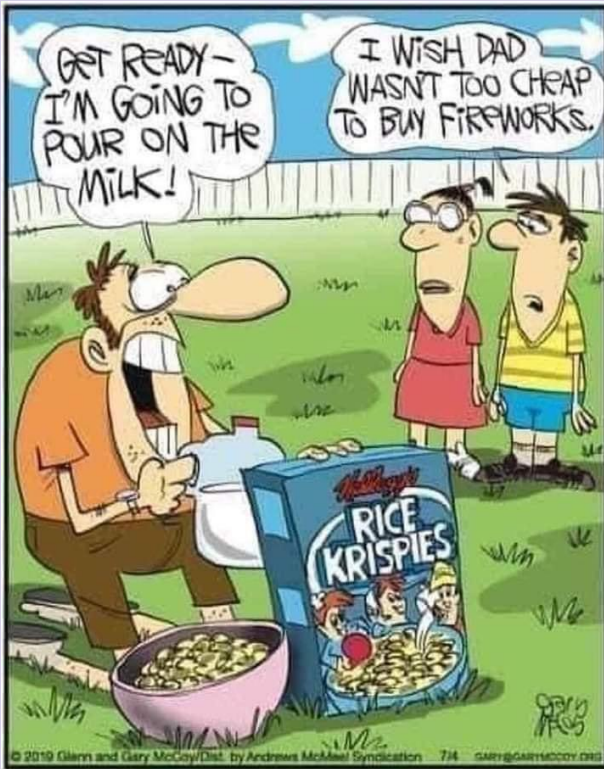
**13 Nov 2023:** Linda Hammond: "**Buried deep but not lost forever: Discovering your Ancestor's final resting place.**"

*Use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/LindaHammond>*

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

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

*Details in the next newsletter.*



**Topical joke – Enjoy Guy Fawkes night.**

**Remember, remember, the fifth of November...**

Guy Fawkes Night is a British tradition that goes back to 1605, when a group of people planned to use gunpowder to blow up the Houses of Parliament and King James I. This was because King James I was a Protestant king, and the plotters hoped to make England Catholic again.

After the unsuccessful plot was revealed the people of London began lighting bonfires in celebration. In January 1606 Parliament designated November the 5<sup>th</sup> as a day of thanksgiving.

## LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



**LINTON VILLAGE HALL**

**GEORGE BREWSTER -  
THE LAST CHILD CHIMNEY SWEEP  
PRESENTED BY JOANNA HUDSON**

**LINTON VILLAGE HALL**

**COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.**

**Refreshments and Raffle**

**Visitors and new members always welcome**

# 2023/24 Programme of Meetings & Events

Usually, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

9 Nov 2023	<b>Bravery, Courage &amp; Casualties</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>
14 Dec 2023	<b>Christmas Quiz</b> <b>A light-hearted social evening with refreshments</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>
11 Jan 2024	<b>8-10 minute talk by members on any subject, interesting finds, hero, etc.</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>
8 Feb 2024	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Feb. International day of Women &amp; Girls in Science.</b> <b>10 minute talks</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>
14 Mar 2024	<b>Growing Old Disgracefully</b>	<b>Rex Freeman</b>
11 Apr 2024	<b>Winifred Challis, Morals, Marriage &amp; Mass Observation in WW2</b>	<b>Terry O'Donoghue</b>
9 May 2024	<b>AGM</b> <b>Restful Corners</b>	<b>Charmian Thompson</b>
13 June 2024	<b>Tea for the British... with a little twist of Suffolk</b> <b>the story of the tea trade in Britain</b>	<b>Miriam Stead</b>
Tuesday 16 July	<b>Guided walk around Bury St. Edmunds</b>	<b>Adrian Tindall</b> <i>Must Book</i>
July / August	<b>A Guided village walk – (TBC)</b>	<b>Must Book</b>
12 Sept 2024	<b>It's on the cards</b>	<b>Vanessa Mann</b>
10 Oct 2024	<b>Harvest time and Horsemen's' memories, rural life in 1900</b>	<b>Ashley Cooper</b>
14 Nov 2024	<b>Generals, Leaders and people who had an impact in WW1</b> <b>(110 years since the start of WW1)</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>
12 Dec 2024	<b>Christmas Quiz</b> <b>A light-hearted social evening with refreshments</b>	<b>Ourselves</b>

## ANSWER

**Four tickets for 4 people in total.**

### **Explanation.**

- **Two grandfathers:** Each grandfather is also a son and a father. So this makes two grandfathers, two fathers and two sons.
- **Two fathers:** Each father is also a son. So this makes two fathers and two sons.