

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY SUDBURY & DISTRICT GROUP



Update

May 2019

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Our Group AGM will be followed by the talk, Broad Stripes & Bright Stars and some Historical Curiosities, by our committee member and friend Anne Grimshaw.

OUR LIBRARY

We have a large number of books in our library which we are happy to loan out to members. We have set up a book for you to fill in the details of the book/s you are borrowing; Name; Tel No; Membership Number. Just return them at one of the next meetings you attend.

Due to storage issues we are reducing the amount of items in our library, if you would like to take a book/fiche they are available on the tables by the window. A small donation would be appreciated.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS



Enjoying a lunch break at Nayland

We have been very unlucky with the weather this year and only started work on Saturday at Groton.

We need more help so if you have the odd Saturday morning to spare or even time during the week and would like to join in with the enjoyable and necessary project please talk to any member of our committee.

INSULTS

"Sir, you are drunk."

"Madam, you are ugly. But in the morning I will be sober." Winston Churchill (Allegedly)

"He is a humble man with much to be humble about." Winston Churchill

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." Winston Churchill, in response

SNIPPETS FROM SUFFOLK FREE PRESS

January 14th 1885

Roper's Manures / dissolved flesh and bone / at 4 guineas per ton delivered on rail or at the works. / Asphalt floors laid and repaired at reasonable prices. / address David Roper (late Bolingbroke) Long Melford Suffolk.

Ancestor of anyone we know....? Liz

Jan 9th 1889

Arthur Sayers, a cow keeper with 2 cows caught two boys catapulting them. The boys' sentence was two days hard labour.

25th Jan 1890

Arthur Sayers signed a petition from cattle owners on Common lands protesting against the sale of grass growing on North Meadow as there was no surplus grass, claiming signatories are all residents in the borough. ~ sent to Mayor and Freeman.

May 27th 1915

Advertisement~

Funerals / personally conducted / Coffins made on the premises at shortest notice / Funeral cars and Carriages / Inclusive estimates free / E. S. Hawkey, / 11 Market Hill / Sudbury.

and on 17th June 1915

Mr. Hawker is advertising "Oriental Carpets and Rugs ~ splendid selection, / see windows, also Axminster, Wilton, and Brussels. / Upholsterer and House Furnisher.

Very versatile these Sudbury shop keepers!

August 19th 1915

Meeting on Market Hill ~war relief for townfolk now out of employment and dislocation of business. Those staying at home according to the Mayor had a duty to support families of those away fighting at the Front; e.g the Red cross and War Relief funds.

'He then went on to refer which may be somewhat sensitive to some whose ears he would hope to reach. If the girls employed in the Silk Factory would behave with a little more discretion and do less parading on Market Days in white satin and frills and furbelows, they would get a little more sympathy from the towns folk who did not support them because of this.'

He went on to add that 'This did not refer to all the girls, many of whom were sober and discreet, but he hoped that the others would behave in a more seemly manner.'

Scholastic success ~ a further advance in a series of successes has been achieved by Miss May King (daughter of Mr. C. King, greengrocer of Gregory St.) Aged 19, she has been awarded the English, Intermediate Art exam.

One assumes that this the King family who later had a fish and green grocery shop in North Street. Liz Cole

Extract from Pip & Joy Wright's book, Grave Reports

'On Saturday night last, one of those disgraceful scenes, which tend to brutalize society and carry us back to a barbarous age, was exhibited in the burial ground of St Gregory Church, at dead of night. The body of Wm. Ambrose, shoemaker, aged 54 years, who committed suicide the morning before, by hanging himself with a handkerchief from the rod of his bed, was interred in a hole dug at the furthest corner, by direction of the Coroner's warrant, without Christian burial'

Suffolk Chronicle: June 9th 1849

This article described how Ambrose had slipped into a state of moral decline, drink and the collapse of his marriage leading to this rash act. It was also known that his sister had died by her own hands and his mother had been for many years insane. Public feeling had led an almost obsolete Act of Parliament to be invoked, whereby suicides were buried during the hours of darkness with none of the normal ceremony.

SUFFOLK RECORD OFFICE

If you would like to spend an afternoon or even all day researching your local ancestors I suggest going to the Record Office in Bury and taking a look through the local paper of that time. Remember with cuts to all services, if we don't use it we will lose it!

NEXT MEETINGS:

25 Jun	History & the Printed Cartoon (New & improved)	<i>Martyn Roper</i>
30 Jul	The Story of a Suffolk Bevin Boy	<i>Barbara McElroy</i>
24 Sep	The English Gypsy Caravan	<i>Geoffrey Kay</i>
29 Oct	Church Brasses and Brass Rubbing	Martin Stuchfield

If a meeting needs to be cancelled at short notice (ie due to bad weather) we will put it on our Group Website page.

PLEASE TAKE A POSTER TO DISPLAY

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

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