



HILLINGDON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



*Hillingdon Village c1931, the shops, The Vine and Vine Lane are to the right and in the centre distant The Red Lion.
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2020 MEETINGS PROGRAMME

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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT
<i>Tuesday 28th January Joint U3A 2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Nick Barratt</i>	<i>'The Future of Family History'</i>
<i>Thursday 20th February 2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Ron Koorm</i>	<i>'G.C.H.Q. Eastcote During WW2'</i>
		MARCH TO JULY MEETINGS CANCELLED
		DUE TO VIRUS PRECAUTIONS
Thursday 20 th August	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
Thursday 15 th October 2.00p.m.	Michael Gandy	'Tracing Catholic Ancestors'
Tuesday 10 th November Joint U3A 2.00 p.m.	Dave Annal	'My Ancestor was a Liar'
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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The past few months have been very hard for us all. The pandemic has made all of our lives difficult in one way or another and I hope all of our members have weathered the storm.

Certainly, here in Ickenham, people have followed the guidelines regarding social distancing, etc and looking at the figures this seems to have been true across our Borough. My greatest regret is that we have had to suspend our meetings and the research room; however, by the time you read this we might have a better understanding of when we may get back to 'normal' business.

Following the easing of lockdown in July, the committee met in the open air, at the guideline social distance, to discuss the new normal. Over a two hour meeting a lot of very interesting ideas were floated as to how the Society can move forward in what will almost certainly be ongoing uncertain times. We will keep you informed as we crystallise these ideas and implement them. I think you will find some of them quite exciting.

We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we can, as leaving aside the family history element, our Society has an important social dimension, which I know is important to our membership.

Ian Harvey

✎ CHAIRMAN'S NOTES ✎

If you ever get around to writing your family history (I have a nasty suspicion that we all put it off to another rainy afternoon!) one of the challenges that have to be faced is to find pictures of our ancestors.

Most of us will have boxes of photographs but do we know who the individuals are? It is worse if we also have boxes of slides for now it is usually the case that we have no projector or screen with which to view them.

I don't know if you have noticed but speakers at our Hercies Road meetings invariably use a lap top computer/projector set up to project the images on to the screen.

My wife, Nancy, is very well disciplined with photographs – she writes the name and date on the back. However, this discipline has been undermined with the advent of digital cameras and smart phones.

Instead of images in the form of printed photographs in an album, they now seem to get lost in the ether of some gadget that in turn gets lost in a drawer and when you discover it you can never find the lead to charge it. I fear we are in danger of becoming a 'lost generation' in terms of images.

An interesting thought: where are the pictures of your children, grandchildren and family? In 2020 I am willing to bet they are on some gadget and not on a piece of photographic paper!

All of which brings me to this chap, Charles 1!

I came across a copy of his portrait (original by Anthony Van Dyck *see below*), in an auction house in Herefordshire – and no, unfortunately he is not an ancestor! *(contd).*

However, there were a lot of other portraits in the auction and that may suggest portraits are out of fashion (along with mahogany furniture).

These oil paintings were sent to the local auction house – in fact not even the local auction house – since somebody might be embarrassed to sell the portrait of granny, they may have sent it from Hillingdon to Hereford rather than to West Ruislip.



My suggestion is that we need to think outside the box in terms of images of our ancestors. Some provincial saleroom might have a portrait of great granny; an album of photos might have a picture of granny – but they are all dangerously ephemeral.

Digital pictures on gadgets in my opinion are worse and if anyone tells you that they back them up on a computer or memory stick...well, good luck!

EDITORS' JOTTINGS

It has been good to see many of you putting pen to paper or more accurately finger to key and submitting the results for inclusion in the journal. As you might have seen we had two items in the June edition under the blanket of 'Early Memories' hopefully this will encourage others to try their arm.

Of course, we are not only looking for early memories – there was also a 'family story' concerning the new £20 note. There must be lots of these stories around and if you have one or two please have a go and send them to us. As if to prove the point we have another 'family story' from our bard John Bridger (*page number30*).

As we have said before these strange times could be a minor blessing for those interested in family history research. Lots of time on our hands to get records and research papers in order and who knows what treasures might come to light?

Because the information available online is constantly being added to and updated it is possible that past research could be augmented with all the new records available. We would be interested in hearing of any surprising discoveries as well as any new sources of information etc. that helped to uncover what you find.

Recently we had our first committee meeting since lockdown and I wanted to wait until after that to tell you more about our future plans. The meeting, held in Ian's garden, was longer and more wide-ranging than usual.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find AGM reports and accounts and you will see that once again you will see our expenditure exceeds income. We face a dual challenge to provide a service to our members in these difficult times whilst taking measures to balance the books to ensure our long term financial stability, if possible without raising membership fees.

With this in mind we are considering changes on a number of fronts:

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First regarding the journal, it is a most important means of communication with our members as well as providing, we hope, useful and interesting articles and information. The cost of production and mailing is however a significant proportion of our expenditure. We propose to produce four issues per year by having two commercially printed (Spring and Autumn) and the Winter and Summer issues will be available as electronic journals. For those unable to receive them electronically we will be able to provide limited number of printed copies produced by the society. We expect to save enough in production and postage from this measure to largely or completely eliminate the deficit.

We know that many have missed not only our meetings but the social interaction they bring. The popularity of online meetings which other societies have begun to hold has not gone unnoticed. We therefore propose, from the time we are able to safely restart these, to hold say 6 full monthly meetings each year, two in association with U3A and in the Winter months most of them in the afternoon. During the rest of the year it is proposed to arrange other events such as visits to archives, museums or just informal gatherings. We are looking at holding some online meetings using Zoom as this will enable members who cannot attend the normal meetings to take part. In fact, these might start first.

Also missed has been the help to be found in the research room and the Uxbridge Library. We will restart when we can but meanwhile we are working through an idea for online assistance using Zoom; you will hear more about this soon.

Soon our website will have a Members area where you will be able to view exchange journals from other societies. Back copies of our old journals will also appear there and other features are planned.

COMMENTS FROM A MEMBER (*Diana May*)

We were most pleased to receive the following email from our member Diana after she received the June edition:

Thank you all for the excellent HFHS magazine, just received! I have two small observations which do not dispute the facts, but may extend them:

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1) Army terms page 16-19, which is about Army abbreviations. Will you be writing about army slang? I was often struck when watching 'Only Fools and Horses' that the older generation of Trotters like Uncle Albert and their friends - probably other ranks during the war - used some Arabic terms like 'bint' for woman and 'karsi'* for the toilet.*

Would that have been the result of service in the North African campaign of the Second World War, which took place in North Africa from June 1940 to May 1943? It included campaigns fought in the Libyan and Egyptian deserts (Western Desert Campaign, also known as the Desert War) and in Morocco and Algeria (Operation Torch), as well as Tunisia (Tunisia Campaign), in which sadly my uncle Lt Howard Marlow of the East Surrey regiment died in April 1943.

2) Researching the Welsh pages 19 – 21, again a fascinating article which explained the patronymic system giving a child the father's given, or forename, as a surname. (I believe this is like that in Iceland, with its small population). This means that a family's name changes in successive generations. The Welsh patronymic system describes family trees in terms of the male line only and records the family association in the 'ap' or 'ab' prefix ('ap' is a contraction of the Welsh word 'ab', which means son). For example, Rhys ap Dafydd translates as 'Rhys, son of David'.

What the article doesn't quite confirm is that many modern Welsh surnames such as Powell, Price, Probert and Prichard are the result of this contraction and a progressive tendency to Anglicise Welsh names: under the patronymic system they would have been ap Hywel, ap Rhys, ap Robert and ap Richard.

Please continue your good work, I do enjoy reading the magazine even if unable to get to meetings.

N.B. Although at present we do not intend to develop a general catalogue of army slang, I just had to do a little research to follow up Diana's comments:

* Bint, as Diana says originated in Egypt during the British occupation.

** Khazi, seems to have come from a low cockney word 'carsey' (19th century meaning a 'privvy'). It also referred to a den or brothel, probably derived from the Italian 'casa' (house) and the similar sounding Khaki (Urdu), 'dusty colour'. *(contd).*

Our thanks to Diana for taking the trouble to contact us and we hope our efforts continue to please.

As we are unable for obvious reasons to hold our normal talks/meetings your committee have been investigating the possibility of making these available via the internet. John Symons has some experience of this sort of arrangement and writes:

Recently I was ‘virtually’ present at the first Zoom meeting held by the West Middlesex FHS (WMFHS). The meeting was attended by 25 participants and four of these were also members of our society including Brian Page, myself and two others; one in Hampshire and one in Scotland.

WMFHS will hold these monthly for the rest of the year and I was asked if HFHS were also considering the same facility to which I answered yes.

The speaker was from Devon which shows that if needed we could use a speaker from anywhere. Fortunately, the WMFHS had someone, Kirsty Gray, who was well versed in hosting Zoom meetings. On this occasion the subject was ‘Ag. Labs’, a subject we have had before and if needed I will happily give more of my views of the presentation.

What struck me was that it seems a largely different set of people were there from those that attended the regular meetings. So, the question was actually put: now that you have done this will on line meetings continue even when regular meetings can resume?

I think the genie is out of the bottle now and we are all going to have to think about how to address it.

CONSTERNATION IN CORNWALL (CONCLUSION)

By John Symons

As promised here is the remainder of John's article. With Samuel and Henry serving their sentence in Tasmania events in Cornwall moved on.

The brothers' father, Samuel, died on 15th February 1841. Samuel left a will which made provision of an annuity payment of £5 per annum to Samuel and £10 per annum to Henry should they return from Australia. Curiously although there is no evidence that they returned – indeed they could not do so legally – the Death Duty Register shows that annuities valued at £144 for Henry and £61 for Samuel were paid on 31st March 1846. It is also noteworthy that Samuel, the elder son, received only half the amount of his younger brother, which might have been a reflection on how their father viewed their relative merits or demerits.

This was not the only provision in their fathers' rather complicated will that did not seem to work out as planned. As mentioned earlier, Samuel and Henry's sister Melicent had married and died in childbirth some years earlier. There is a clear indication that the unmarried sister Ann, was involved in some way with Melicent's husband Gregory MABLY because the bequest to Ann was conditional: she was not to marry (which would have been illegal anyway at the time but often happened) or live with Gregory MABLY. This may have been a reflection on Gregory's alleged complicity with the bullocks incident or merely the social mores of the time.

Ann dutifully complied with this restriction and received her inheritance, as did her sister Peggy who had no such restriction. In the 1851 census however we find that Peggy lived with Gregory MABLY as housekeeper so presumably everyone was satisfied with this arrangement and their father by then was in no condition to complain.

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After Samuel Senior died, his wife Christian then personally made her second application for clemency in early 1842 and once again Mr. McDOWALL provided a character reference for Henry and an earlier statement from Edward CURR from the Van Diemen's Land Company to support Samuel.

This application was equally doomed to failure. Christian subsequently died on 4th September 1843 bereft from the loss of her husband and her separation from her sons.

The third and final application was made by Richard PETER of Launceston in November 1843 with a greater range of testimonials from Tasmania, but was no more effective than the first two. At around this time Henry and Samuel were about to receive their Tickets of Leave* so their situation was about to improve.

In Cornwall Samuel's wife Margery managed as best she could, she cooked for her father and family but the children were sent out to work as soon as they were able. All became servants but one son also called Henry found himself working for the then Vicar of Kenwyn with Kea, Edward Harold BROWNE. This employment continued for the rest of his life following his master's various appointments around the country, ultimately as butler when Harold (as he was known) BROWNE was Bishop of Winchester. In later years he married the Bishop's housekeeper, Esther DAVIES from Wales but they had no children. After he retired and the Bishop had died he was presented with a special chair by the bishop's children; it is still kept in the family. Henry died in 1926 aged 99 years.

In 1855 Samuel's wife Margery died, followed two years later by her father. There is no indication, after his Conditional Pardon, that Samuel asked her to go to Tasmania and by then it is unlikely that she would have been able to do so. Despite her sad life there are however fitting memorial stones to her and her parents in the churchyard surrounding the small village church of Trewen where she spent her final years.

Back in the Antipodes the paths of Samuel and Henry again diverged. Samuel was listed as departing Launceston on 1st March 1849 for Port Philip, Victoria on the Brig 'Swan'. (contd).

This is the last confirmed indication of his whereabouts. It is very likely that he left to find work on the goldfields of Victoria.

Henry left the employ of Mr. McDOWALL to work on the Woolmer's Estate near Longford, founded by Thomas ARCHER of Hertford who settled there in 1817.

Thomas had died in 1850 and his wife Susannah ran the estate in the late 1860s when Henry, with his first wife Christina, worked there as servants. It is possible that they met whilst employed there. As far as is known they had no children.

The servants' cottages at Woolmer Estate



The Archers were enlightened and liberal employers by the standards of the day and provided good accommodation for their free servants although this was by now something of a necessity to attract a dwindling labour force.

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In 1871 Christina died and the following year Henry left Woolmer's for Victoria where he married his second wife, Jean McBEAN in Kyneton on 6th August 1872. She had emigrated from Inverness in Scotland.

The couple returned to Tasmania and she was expecting a child but sadly the child was stillborn. Jean died on 23rd November 1883 at Cape House, Sandhill, Launceston, Tasmania leaving Henry a widower for the second time.

On 4th March 1884 Henry married his third wife Margaret HAWKINS who was herself a widow. Together they rented and ran a shop in Longford and later they purchased the freehold. They continued to run it jointly until Henry's death on 8th March 1888. He was buried in the churchyard of Longford Church and shares a memorial tablet with his first wife.

In his will he left the shop and all his possessions to Margaret who continued to run the shop by herself for some years after this. At some point she sold the shop and lived her final years at Penguin on the north coast of Tasmania. Margaret died on 29th September 1922 and is buried in Penguin General Cemetery overlooking the bay with a memorial provided by the children of her first marriage.

Looking back at these events, it seems that there was some bad blood or resentment between groups of families in North Cornwall. Truth is often difficult to establish in such situations and I doubt we will ever know for sure if and to what extent Samuel was culpable. In any event he did seem able to attract trouble and it is more than likely that much of the sympathy was directed towards his brother Henry who seemed to have been drawn in to the proceedings.

The irony is that whilst the family left in Cornwall lived in conditions of relative poverty, Henry at least attained a far superior standard of life. You only have to see the number of free settlers that subsequently arrived from other branches of the family to appreciate this. Perhaps Samuel had done Henry a favour by involving him in his schemes after all.

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Transportation to Tasmania was over by the mid-1850s not least because the people of this and other colonies did not want to be seen as populated by convicts.

The stigma of having a convict in the family was present in our family until quite recently, but with the passing of time we can see it for what it is, just a part of history that has left its mark on our and many other families.

*N.B. * Convicts who seemed able to support themselves were awarded a ticket of leave. which permitted them to seek employment within a specified district, but not leave it without the permission of the government or the district's resident magistrate. They were permitted to marry, or to bring their families from Britain, and to acquire property, but they were not permitted to carry firearms or board a ship.*

Sources: *“West Briton” 3rd & 10th April 1835 and “Royal Cornwall Gazette” 4th & 11th April 1835 and other issues (Cornish Studies Library)*

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HILLINGDON VILLAGE — EARLY MEMORIES OF A YOUNG CHILD

By Denise Stephens (née Wood)

I was born in April 1945 and I'm just going to write things down as I remember them.

We lived in a nice house in Vine Lane opposite the golf course. Daddy played golf there on Sundays and sometimes on Wednesday afternoons. We were often taken to the golf club for Sunday lunch.



There was a notice on the front of our gates which said 'No hawkers, no circulars'. We had a cleaning lady called Mrs. Woodley and we sometimes went to her house for tea and were allowed to play on the swings in the park. We also knew a lady called Eileen who worked in Daddy's shop and she would baby sit when our parents went out.

Daddy was a Mason and when my parents went to a 'ladies' night' my mother would be wearing a long dress with long gloves up past her elbows and I remember thinking that I wanted a pair of gloves just like them when I grew up.

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There was an au pair called Micheline from France who used to read to us and teach us French sayings – ‘bonne nuit, dormez bien’, she would say as she tucked us up in bed.

The field behind our house in Vine Lane was used by the local rugby team and we would climb over the fence to watch them play. At half-time they were served slices of orange from a plate.

Our garden was large at the back with roses, fruit trees, blackcurrant bushes, gooseberry bushes and rhubarb. A large hen house was in the corner left hand side, in front of this to the side was a swing and at the back in the centre, a see-saw. We were told that the rhubarb leaves were poisonous and not to be fed to the chickens.

We had a gardener called Ned who used to arrive on his bicycle, wearing a brown trilby hat and bicycle clips on his brown trousers, no jeans in those days!

Ned used to grow potatoes and there were cold frames presumably for bringing on tender plants. At the back of the house with access from the drawing room was a sun-lounge - I don't think we called it a conservatory in those days. There was a sunken garden with a raised stand in the centre with steps up to the lawn. At the side there was an outbuilding which housed the mangle for wringing the wet clothes presumably from a wash tub.

The front garden was mostly flower beds, a large drive and a garage. I well remember Daddy coming home with a new car, a green Austin, ‘You can look but don't touch!’ The previous car was a black one (Austin?) with running boards on the side and I think the number plate was MMX950.

Daddy would drive us to Cornwall for our holidays. We didn't have seat belts then and I was allowed to sit in the front next to Daddy between him and the door. He always said how wonderful the roads were in the west country because there was so little traffic.

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My sister and I had weekly comics delivered. Mine was the Dandy and hers were School Friend and Girls Crystal. We had pocket money and were allowed to buy sweets from the sweet shop.

A treat my mother used to give us was an orange with the top cut off and she would stuff some sugar lumps inside and we would suck the juice, obviously not worried about our teeth!

At the weekend Daddy would bring home a box of chocolates called ‘Quality Street’ and we would be allowed to choose our favourites.



This shows the village shops prior to the removal of the tram lines in 1936. Vine Lane is on the left at the end of the shops with The Vine public house on the corner.

Hillingdon had its own little parade of shops including a grocer's where the bacon was cut by hand and I can remember the sound of the blade sliding across the bacon joint. As children we were frequently sent to this shop for groceries which we carried home in a basket.

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There was also a sweet shop where we were allowed to buy sweets with our pocket money. The church was across the main road where we attended Sunday School - the teacher was a Miss Anderson.

I can just remember standing in the ration queue with our books - for sweets? I think that was in Uxbridge as was the patisserie where we were taken to have cakes - the equivalent of the coffee shop today I imagine.

My sister and I went to Richmond by bus for ice-skating. I think we travelled alone to this venue. I was once given a pair of white leather ice-skates for a birthday present.

I went to school at St. Helen's - a private school in Hillingdon. The headmistress was Mrs. Hempstead, she lived next door to the school and we had lunch in her dining room. The teachers in my time were Mrs. Taylor - infants, Miss Fireman taught handwriting, Miss Lowe (very tall) taught music and French. Mrs. Hill taught arithmetic (tables) Mrs. Hempstead taught English. We were also taught sewing - I embroidered a handkerchief which was apparently so good that I was sent to show everyone in the school. Perhaps I wasn't any good at anything else, I remember struggling with my tables. There was also a young lady there called Madeleine - I think she must have been disabled as she was much older, wore the school uniform but seemed only to be on duty at playtimes.

My brother and I used to cycle to school sometimes. On the days we were taken by car we would walk home. Part of the walk was a pathway which ran alongside a garden where a large dog, an Afghan Hound I think, would run up and down on his side of the fence barking at us. Although we were used to dogs this was a frightening experience.

Once we went on a school outing to Chessington Zoo. I can't remember anything about the zoo but can remember having orange squash out of a bottle on the bus!

In the winter the daily milk was heated and put back in its bottle and I hated the taste. To this day I can't bear the smell of boiled milk.

As I write this, I can see that we had a privileged childhood - this was just after the end of WW2. As children we did not appreciate this. *(contd).*

We were taken to London for tea in Harrods and a visit to the cinema or a show - a pantomime I don't really remember which but can remember we had a box and I spent most of my time looking at other people.

These are happy memories but life was very different then, we did not have central heating or double-glazing. No colour television or mobile phones, but we didn't need them. We played in the garden, well wrapped up in the winter to keep warm and in the summer played under a sprinkler on the lawn.

A SHORT EXTRACT FROM A FAMILY HISTORY

By Peter Hoare (and Alan Rowland)

The trials and tribulations of Covid 19 lockdown have once again resulted in members taking up the challenge of writing down a piece of family history.

Members Peter and Ann Hoare (H89/H90) sent a hand written letter to John Symons which told of Peter's re-reading of the September 2019 journal and in particular the review of the talk given at the May meeting, 'The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in France 1917 – 21' by Dr. Samantha Philo-Gill. We have used Peter's letter to construct the following:

Peter had recently found a photograph of his mother, Grace WHITFIELD, probably taken in 1917. It shows Grace in her Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs) uniform, which Peter described as 'not very flattering for a twenty-one-year-old'.

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Grace was born in January 1896 at Wellington Road, Islington, London and she had three sisters and a brother. Her father was a conductor on a horse drawn 'bus based at Chalk Farm Depot.

Before she joined the WAACs Grace had been, like many other young women at that time, in domestic service.

Peter remembered that his mother always said she was pleased to have joined the WAACs and he believes she was stationed in Watford as an Army Cook until around 1919 when she returned to domestic service as a cook and housekeeper.

Having left the WAACs Grace lived with her family at 5^A Barbell Street, Southwark, London where she remained until she met and married my father, Alfred HOARE in 1930.

Peter also included with his letter and the photograph of his mother, a picture of her WAACs cap badge which he has in safe keeping.



Peter also included a brief outline of his family story.

Like all such histories there is probably a wealth of material involving internal stories and interesting detail which perhaps, he may share with us at a later date.

The sisters of Grace all married and had families of their own.

One sister left England and emigrated to South Africa where her husband became a blacksmith employed in one of the famous Kimberly diamond mines.

Peter then turned to his mother's brother, Edwin WHITFIELD born 1891, who at the age of just fifteen joined as a crew member an American, square rigged tall ship 'Arisona' (stet.) at the docks in London. *(contd).*

It was 1906 and the ship embarked on a voyage to Sydney, Australia a long and arduous journey which for the crew must have been very hard work. He continued his life as a seaman until 1914 when he joined the Australian Army and became part of the general carnage of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. (Interestingly Peter's father also served in this disastrous adventure).

Following this debacle Edwin was posted to France only to die at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. This fact was only discovered fairly recently so fortunately my mother never knew of her brother's fate because in those days' communications were not easy.

Peter closes his letter to John with thanks for his organisation during lockdown and for the production of an always interesting magazine.

It only remains for us to say a big thank you to Peter and Ann for (a) re-reading the back issues and (b) for getting in touch with a very interesting follow up to the WAAC talk.

ARMY ABBREVIATIONS (Part 2)

By John Symons

BANU	British Army News Unit
B.A.R.	British Army of the Rhine (post First World War)
B.A.F.S.V.	British Armed Forces Special Vouchers
B.A.O.R.	British Army of the Rhine (post Second World War)
BAPO	British Army Post Office (RE)
BC	Battle Casualty
BC	Battery Commander
	Biological and Chemical Defence
BCOF	British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Japan)
BD	Bomb Disposal
	Base Depot
	Biological Defence
BDC	Bomb Disposal Company
BDE	Brigade
BDR	Bombardier - Royal Artillery rank of Corporal

BDS	Bomb Disposal section (RE)
BDSM	Bandsman
BEDF.R	Bedfordshire Regiment
BEDF. YEO.	Bedfordshire Yeomanry
B.E.F.	British Expeditionary Force
BETFOR	British Element Trieste Force
BFAP	British Forces Aden Protectorate
B.F.B.S.	British Forces Broadcasting Service
B.F.E.S.	British Families Education Service
B.F.N.	British Forces Network
BLA	British Liberation Army
B/M	Bugle Major
BM	Brigade Major
BN.	Battalion
BNAF	British North Africa Force
BOD	Base Ordnance Depot
BORD.R.	Border Regiment
BPTC	Bulk Petrol Transport Company (RASC)
B.Q.M.S.	Battery Quarter Master Sergeant
BRC	Base Reinforcement Camp
B.R.C.S.	British Red Cross Society
BRIG.	Brigadier (post 1922?)
BRIG.GEN.	Brigadier General (pre 1922?)
BSD	Base Supply Depot (RASC)
BSM	Battery Sergeant Major
BTA	British Troops Austria
BTTN.	Battalion
BTU	Blood Transfusion Unit (RAMC)
BTY.	Battery
BUCKS. YEO.	Buckinghamshire Yeomanry
B.W.I.R.	British West Indies Regiment
BR. W.I.R.	British West Indies Regiment
CA	Civil Affairs
C.A.M.C.	Canadian Army Medical Corps
CAMB.R.	Cambridgeshire Regiment
CAMN. HIGHS	Cameron Highlanders

CAPT.	Captain
CAS	Coastal Artillery School
CAV.	Cavalry
CAV.BDE	Cavalry Brigade
CBO	Counter Battery Officer
CCF	Combined Cadet Force
C.C.G. (B.E.)	Control Commission Germany (British Element)
C.C.S.	Casualty Clearing Station
CE	Chief Engineer (RE)
CEPO	Civilian Establishment and Pay Officer
CFA	Cavalry Field Ambulance
CFN	Craftsman (REME rank of Private)
C.F.W.W	Council of Voluntary War Workers
CG	Chaplain General
C.GDS	Coldstream Guards
CGS	Chief of General Staff
C.-in-C.	Commander in Chief
CHES.R	Cheshire Regiment
CHES. YEO.	Cheshire Yeomanry
CHT.	Corps of Horse Transport (prefix used in ASC)
CIC	Commander in Chief
	Cookery Instruction Centre
	Civilian Internment Camp
CL YEO	City of London Yeomanry
C.M.A.	Corps of Military Accountants
CMF	Central Mediterranean Force
CMP	Corps of Military Police
CMS (AD)	Civilian Medical Services (Army Department)
CMT.	Mechanical Transport - Old Army ASC prefix
C..O.	Commanding Officer
COD	Central Ordnance Depot
COY.	Company
C. OF A.S.	Corps of Army Schoolmasters
C. OF HRS	Corps of Hussars
COL.	Colonel
C. OF LOND. YEO.	City of London Yeomanry
CO OF LOND. YEO.	County of London Yeomanry

C. OF LRS	Corps of Lancers
COMD	Command
	Commander
COMDT	Commandant
COMSEC	Command Secretary
CONN. RANG.	Connaught Rangers
CPL	Corporal
C.Q.M.S.	Company Quarter Master Sergeant
CR	Coast Regiment (RA)
C.R.E.	Command Royal Engineer
CRU	Civil Resettlement Unit
CSDIC	Combined Services Detail Interrogation Centre
CSDU	Central Salvage Depot Unit
CSEU	Combined Services Entertainment Unit
C. SGT.	Colour Sergeant
C.S.M.	Company Sergeant Major
CSR(A)	Chief Superintendent of Ranges (Army)
CT	Clothing and Textiles
CTBA	Ceased to be Attached
CTBE	Ceased to be Entitled
CTC	Cavalry Tank Corps
CW	Chemical Warfare
D&D	Devon and Dorset Regiment
D&T	Development and Training
D.A.C.	Divisional Ammunition Column
DADAW	Deputy Assistant Director Army Welfare
D.A.D.M.S.	Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services
DB	Depot Battalion (RE)
	Depot Brigade (RA)
DC	District Commander
DCC	Defence Communications Centre
D.C.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
D.C.M.	Distinguished Conduct Medal
D.C.M.	District Court Martial
D.C.S.	District Censorship Station
D.D.M.S.	Deputy Director of Medical Services

DE	Duration of Emergency
	Director of Establishment
DEMS	Defensive Equipped Merchant Ship
DERR	Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
DENBIGH, YEO.	Denbighshire Yeomanry
DEVON. R.	Devonshire Regiment
D.G. or D. GDS.	Dragoon Guards
DI	Defence Intelligence
DID	Detail Issue Depot (RASC)
DIV.	Division
D.L.I.	Durham Light Infantry
DM.	Driver Mechanical Transport (ASC prefix) - 3
D.M.G.	Deputy Military Governor
DMR.	Drummer
DMS	Driver Mechanic School
DOC	Docks Operating Company (RE)
DOFE	Duration of Engagement
DOFW	Duration of War
DNS.	Dragoons
D. OF CORN.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
D. OF LANCS. O.Y.	Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry
DORSET. R.	Dorset Regiment
DORSET. YEO.	Dorset Yeomanry
DPM	Deputy Provost Marshal
DR	Despatch Rider
DSAF	Depot and School Airborne Forces
DSC	Divisional Supply Column
D.S.O.	Distinguished Service Order
DTR	Driver Training Regiment
DURH L.I.	Durham Light Infantry
DVR.	Driver (rank equating to Private)
DW	Duration of war
E&M COY	Electrical and Mechanical Company (RE)
EAC	Equipment Assembly Company (REME)
ECC	Emergency Cooks Course
ECT	Emergency Cookery Training

E.E.F.	Egyptian Expeditionary Force
E.F.C.	Expeditionary Force Canteen (First World War)
EFI	Expeditionary Force Institutes
EME(A)	Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Army)
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
ENGR	Engineers
ENSA	Entertainment National Service Association
ERE	Extra Regimental Employment
E.R. OF YORK. Y	East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry
ESBD	Electrical Stores Base Depot
	Engineer Store Base Depot
ESD	Engineer Stores Depot
ESE	Engineer Stores Establishment
ESSEX R.	Essex Regiment
ESSEX YEO.	Essex Yeomanry
EST	Establishments
E. SURR. R.	East Surrey Regiment
E. YORK. R.	East Yorkshire Regiment
EX. FCE. CAN.	Expeditionary Force Canteen

CORONAVIRUS DIDN'T STOP ME!

By April Wood Ashton

I have discovered, with great interest, that it is possible to have a DNA test carried out by one company and have the resulting raw data uploaded onto another site. I took my test with <https://my.livingdna.com> and this indicated a few matches. In order to investigate further this scientific minefield, I planned a visit to the 'Family Tree Exhibition' at Alexandra Palace in April 2020, unfortunately this was cancelled when the country entered into Covid 19 lockdown. *(contd.).*

However, when I logged on to the 'Family Tree Live' site from Alexandra Palace, I found a link which took me to a series of online lectures.

The subject of one lecture was DNA and I found to my delight that it was possible to transfer the raw DNA data from my original test to <http://myheritage.com> by a very easy process.

My online tree now has hundreds of matches as well as links to matches with my DNA but I shall need to listen to that lecture again in order to extract details about the easiest way to move forward or perhaps in this instance, backwards!

NB. We understand that you can transfer the raw data from some providers, including Living DNA, to compare with results submitted using other companies e.g. Ancestry. Gedmatch is a free to use program that will compare your uploaded data with multi company results from others.

SHE WASN'T A DUCHESS AFTER ALL!

By John Bridger

Quite simply, my mother, Dora (née) NANCARROW (1904-1985) fervently believed that her grandmother (name unspecified and never identified) was a Duchess who ran away with her coachman!

She believed this all of her life and during the 1930s and later, the story was repeated to us children many times both at home and at NANCARROW family gatherings.

This story would be hard to believe in this day and age with all the tools we have to look into such things but we should remember that back then the only means of exchanging family information was verbally (gossip and tales) or the written word (personal letters).

This story has to be seen in that light but it remains hard to believe that whole families would believe such claims! For an average family to research their family history would never have occurred to them and if it had it is reasonably certain that they would not have been able to afford the cost.

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Consequently, the story never varied and it was probably accepted that it contained a grain of truth.

It was only when I became interested in family history during the 1990s that this tale caught my attention. Apparently, the basis for the story was a letter written to the NANCARROW's older generation in 1871 which was said to contain a description of a noble existence. This letter was never shown to us and we had to assume the older generation knew best.

After my mother died in 1985 the only hope of getting to the truth lay with my mother's sister who by then was very elderly. I wrote to her and not only did she pass me a copy of all the entries in the NANCARROW family bible but also 'The Letter' written in 1871!

I read it carefully and it was immediately obvious that it wasn't written by a Duchess! The letter was signed Annie PADDY and it makes reference to 'her Ladyship'. It also mentions that Annie was on a visit to Bristol with her Ladyship which indicates that she was either the lady's maid or more unlikely a travelling companion. The lady in question was Lady RASHLEIGH, wife of the baronet Colman RASHLEIGH.

These events proved interesting and I undertook research into Annie's journey throughout her life which I recorded in two episodes published in our society's journals; edition 65, March 2004 (Annie PADDY Mystery) and edition 67 Sept 2004 (Annie PADDY Mystery Solved).

Looking at the Nacarrow family chart I can see that Annie was niece to my 2 x great grandfather, William NANCARROW, who married Dorothy PADDY in Falmouth in 1848 which explains why the letter is addressed to 'Dear Aunt and Uncle'. I cannot ever remember the letter actually being produced or even questioned; such was the belief that the story was correct!

I decided to look further into Annie's life and found that she must have entered into service as a lady's maid sometime after the 1861 census. On the 1871 census she appears as part of the RASHLEIGH household and is recorded as a lady's maid.

On an earlier census she had appeared as a seamstress in Falmouth so the change to new duties serving as a lady's maid and life in a big house generally must have seemed very strange. (contd).

Shown below is the photograph I found of Lady RASHLEIGH on ‘The Library of Nineteenth Century Photography’ web site which also had some historical notes of the RASHLEIGHs.

One of these notes provided a small point of local interest; Baron Colman RASHLEIGH was born in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire!

As to why this story had assumed such importance to my mother and why it became her ardent belief that the story was true I will never know, but she certainly enjoyed that belief.

It seems then that the blue blood which she always claimed ran in my veins never existed! The nearest that it came was a lady’s maid.



MORE EARLY MEMORIES OF HOUNSLOW

By Anne Moss

The early part of my life was spent living in a couple of rooms in my Grandparents' house with my Uncle Ernie and my second cousin, Gladys. My grandfather died when I was 3 years old, 10 days after my brother was born. I was the only one of his grandchildren who knew him. He always left for me two fruit gums every day on the mantle shelf. Hours were spent by my Auntie Glad and I as we made dolls house furniture out of empty Du Maurier cigarette packets.

When I was young, I was diagnosed with a squint and regularly attended the Western Ophthalmic Eye Hospital near Bakers Street Station with my mum. It was our 'time together' and she bought me a packet of spearmint Spangles on every visit. On one occasion we went to the London Zoo and I saw Brumus the polar bear cub before he was on show to the general public. The sex of the cub was not known when it was first shown to the public. Later it was found to be female and I fell in love with her. Following her public appearance everything was in her likeness from bars of soap to cuddle toys. It was also said that her birth was a pick me up for the nation after the dark days of war.

I remember my nanny had a lovely black dog, Blackie, as well as a cat. To me as a small child the cat looked huge like one of the big cats. When I went to school Blackie used to come and meet me every day. We lived opposite a cinema and we all went over to watch the film of the Queen's coronation. When we returned home, my nanny had forgotten her key. As the smallest person I had to climb in the kitchen window and open the front door; quite an adventure! To commemorate the coronation the school gave each child a metal box filled with chocolate.

My love of transport came from my time with my nanny. I could watch the trolley buses going past and in tracing my family history, I found that some of my relatives were connected with transport. My interest now lies with old buses/trolley buses/trams, fire engines but health and safety rules have stopped their rallies.

COVID 19 SUMMER

A poem by Denise Stephens (Hillingdon born, now in Kent)

WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

Wake up to see the sunrise, the day is just beginning
There's no noise from the road,
The birds are all singing.
Wake up, wake up it's a beautiful day.

The rabbits are playing enjoying their freedom
No need to be frightened there's nothing to run from.
A hedgehog strolls lazily into the sunshine
No screeching of tyres, the cars have all gone.

Go down to the lake and watch the swans swimming
Watching the ducks and the moorhens at play.
The sheep in the fields with their lambs are so happy
With a field full of grass, they'll be munching all day.

There's plenty of time to take life more slowly
The blossoming shrubs are so full of pride.
Go through the gates and stick to the pathways
Notice the trees in our great countryside.
Wake up, wake up it's a beautiful day.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

By Alan Rowland

Our member Peter Adams writes to ask if we can help him to identify the personages in a wedding photograph. First reaction of course is 'it's impossible' but Peter has suggested a novel approach in an effort to solve his problem.



*Peter's maternal grandmother's wedding
Wimbledon, July 1906*

Peter is trying to clarify which are the parents of the happy couple by assuming the possibility that there may have been a convention as to where certain people were placed for the 'official' photograph.

His assumption up to now has been that the newlyweds are front centre and the couple next to the groom are his parents. *(contd).*

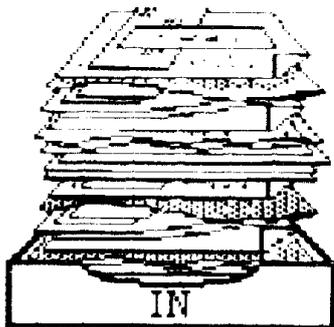
The man next to the bride is certainly her father (Peter has photographs of them together), but the lady next to him is unlikely to be the bride's mother who for some time had been in isolation at Horton Asylum, Banstead, Surrey and it is unlikely that she would have been released for the event.

The bride had no sisters so Peter has assumed that the two ladies beside the father of the bride are likely to be close family members.

Can anyone throw any light as to if there was a 'seating' convention at that time and if so, who is likely to be sitting where? As he has had comments doubting this idea, any views, knowledge or ideas by members would be welcomed by Peter.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Pat Reynolds



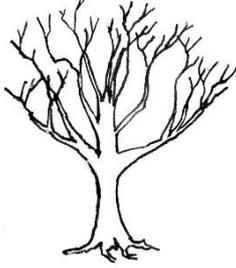
Little did I think when preparing my short input for the June journal that things would not have improved but as I write this for the September edition I am, like many of our more senior members, still in total lockdown. I have however received many telephone calls from members who are on their own and beginning to feel the strain. We have a good laugh and it is lovely to hear them and from you all.

We have a lot to thank John and Alan for as they keep everything going on line which keeps the membership up to date with all the society news.

We must all keep our fingers crossed that a cure for this horrible virus will soon be found but nobody can predict how long it will be before a breakthrough occurs.

We are always happy to hear from members and we look forward to a time when we can meet up again.

Stay safe and take care.



The society undertakes a limited amount of investigation on behalf of members and others.

We can search the London Metropolitan Archives and the National Archives at Kew and other London record offices. We can also carry out national investigations embracing the whole of the U.K. as well as other countries worldwide.

The society charges members £5.00 per hour for pursuing such enquiries (£10.00 per hour for non-members), plus the cost of any expenses necessarily incurred such as copying, postage etc.

Should you wish to make use of this service please be specific as to what you require and give clearly an indication of the upper limit of expenditure you are willing to incur. You must appreciate that the investigation may not produce any results or may result in a negative answer and should that happen the charge will still have to be made.

Please contact the Membership Secretary or email the society, see back cover for contact information.

HELP LINE

In this part of the journal we advertise pleas, from members and non-members, for information and assistance. If you have become “stuck” on some part of your family tree but believe that the answer may lie here in our corner of Middlesex, our local knowledge may be able to help.

Members may advertise at no cost, but a charge of £2 for each entry is made for non-members. Send your queries (with as much specific detail as possible please), together with payment, to the membership secretary:-

Mrs Patricia Reynolds,
20 Lilac Place, Yiewsley, West Drayton,
Middlesex UB7 8LR.

THE MISSING A.G.M. 2020

Because of Covid 19 it became obvious that it would be impossible to hold the Annual General Meeting back in March. Consequently, the normal information that would have appeared in the June journal, Chairman’s report, Treasurer’ audited accounts etc., was missing.

We have however been able to produce a provisional set of accounts and the missing reports:

2020 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

By Ian Harvey

To all the Members of the Society,

This has been a rotten year. The Covid virus has upturned everything we had planned. No meetings, no AGM, no research room or library sessions, no outings to village fetes. Zilch! However, thanks to Alan and John we have got the Journal out and the newsletter, which means that we all remain in socially distanced contact. When we can meet again I shall have a quiz as to what 'One metre plus' distancing actually means or looks like. The answer can be in centimetres or inches if you prefer.

The most positive development to have occurred during the pandemic is that we had a committee meeting in early July, when we were allowed, in my back garden and socially distanced. To call it a committee meeting is a bit of an understatement – it was more of a conference – it lasted 2 hours. In it we thrashed out ideas for taking the Society forward and these have been shared with you in the July newsletter. As always, we are finding the means to cut the cloth but I think the proposals are realistic. Most importantly, they seek to maintain the social dimension of the Society, which I know many of you treasure.

The Research Room is now potentially on-line and more details will follow. Please look at our website. I have thrown Alan and John a tricky query from 18th century Gloucestershire which they are ruminating on. We are going to have to learn how to do things remotely for a while but it is possible.

My thanks to all the committee, who despite the lockdown have kept us ticking over.

I thought it would be interesting to attach my Chairman's Report notes from the 2018 AGM.

In these difficult times it is heartening to look back to what seems an age ago and reflect that despite time and tide we carry on.

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HFHS – Chairman’s Report 2018 AGM

Good evening.

I have the privilege of chairing various AGMs and I understand that some members of the audience run a book on the length of the Chairman’s speech. If this is happening tonight, the speech starts now.

Start

I am pleased to report that it has once again been a very successful year for the Society. We have enjoyed some really excellent speakers on a wide range of topics. This year we are pushing the boat out I would particularly draw your attention to the September meeting when Nick Barratt, of WDYTYA is coming to give us a talk. The low points in speakers (inevitably) are John Symons tonight and myself in April. I am afraid you can’t have your cake and eat it!

I should like to thank John, Joy, Pat, Charles, Gill, Alan, Anne, Valerie and Doug for their time and devotion to the Society. They put a lot of hours in on your behalf.

In conclusion, it has been a good year and I hope I have thanked everyone who made it so. If I haven’t then my apologies – please accept this blanket “thank you” covering you all. I am confident that we will have another successful year as a family history society and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Thank you.

End

Ian

2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Charles Hampshire BA, MBA, CPFA, Honorary Treasurer

My report is a little later this year after Coronavirus postponed the AGM, and as in other areas the disease will have an impact on both activity and finance in 2020.

The accounts for the year show a now familiar story whereby the Society's expenditure has exceeded our Income and been financed by accumulated funds. It reflects a very full programme of activities, talks and research but is ultimately unsustainable and your Committee will be bringing forward proposals for the future to redress this and to do some things in new and exciting ways.

In 2019/20, Income was £3,084 and expenditure £3,628 leaving an excess of expenditure over income of £544.

Subscriptions, which have remained at the same annual fee for some time, are the biggest source of Income but show a small overall decline reflecting slightly fewer memberships. Donations and the Bookstall's contribution fell this year whilst sales via Find my Past produced a small extra income. Research Income increased due to the dedication and great work of those who facilitate the research room most weeks throughout the year. It takes up a lot of their time and they deserve our thanks.

As always, Rent, printing of the journal and postage make up the bulk of expenditure and these keep rising in price. We have not replaced and only repaired our computer equipment this year but we will need to maintain reserves for the ultimately inevitable cost of replacement. The other expenditure items show a fair degree of consistency apart from speakers whose cost can vary quite significantly.

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We must again thank Gill May for her attendance at fairs and running the bookstall which remains an important source of funds, and John Symons for paying cash receipts into the bank and looking after some of the day to day payments. I'd also like to thank all the Committee for the continued support to me and the Society. They do a great job, give tremendous amounts of their time and energy and we would not be what we are without them.

I am pleased that the finances have allowed us to continue to serve you all for another year. Please do renew your subscriptions and encourage others to join and I thank all those who have made kind donations during the year.

I submit my annual report to you.

HFHS Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	2,084	2,738
Debtors	2	0
less Current Liabilities	0	108
	2,086	2,630
 Accumulated Funds	 2,086	 2,630

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HFHS Income and Expenditure Account

	£ 2019	£ 2018
INCOME		
Subs	1,631	1,705
Research & Research	498	414
Draw	210	226
Donations	450	707
Bookstall	175	400
Journal	13	10
Printouts	42	88
Find my past	17	0
Visitors	11	17
U3A	0	113
Other	37	5
	<u>3,084</u>	<u>3,685</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Rent	1,689	1,625
FederationFHS	65	64
Website	67	65
Insurance	80	69
Printing	1,116	1,116
Postage	290	336
Speakers	280	479
Computer repairs	17	0
Research	18	0
Refreshments Xmas	7	0
Equipment	0	215
	<u>3,628</u>	<u>3,969</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	544	284

Accounts independently examined by
Julie Ross-Smith - 13 July 2020

**HILLINGDON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
BOOKSTALL ACCOUNT
Account for the Twelve Months ended 31st December 2019**

INCOME

2018		2019
£528.96	Sale of publications/CD's	£230.46
<u>£ 36.10</u>	Membership through Parish Chest	<u>£ 19.00</u>
<u>£565.06</u>		<u>£249.46</u>

EXPENSES

£ 45.00	Fairs	£ 30.00
£ 36.10	Membership to No 1 A/C	£ 19.00
<u>£119.21</u>	Purchase of books	£ 0.00
	Cash used from funds for mincepies and prizes	<u>£ 8.00</u>
<u>£200.31</u>		<u>£ 57.00</u>

£364.75	Balance being excess of income over expenditure	£192.46
£190.33	Balance in hand at 31.12.2018	£155.08
<u>£ 60.00</u>	Cash in hand at 31.12.2018	<u>£ 60.00</u>
£615.08		£407.54
<u>£400.00</u>	Donation to No 1 A/C	<u>£175.00</u>
<u>£215.08</u>	Surplus	<u>£232.54</u>

Represented by:

£ 60.00	Cash	£ 60.00
<u>£155.08</u>	Treasurers Account at HSBC	<u>£172.54</u>
<u>£215.08</u>		<u>£232.54</u>

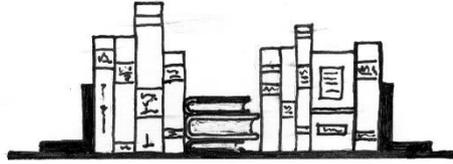
Signed C. May.....
(Bookstall Manager)

Signed [Signature].....
(Treasurer)

I certify that the foregoing Account has been correctly drawn up and is in accordance with records produced to me.

Signed
(Account Examiner)

BOOK REVIEWS



By Gill May

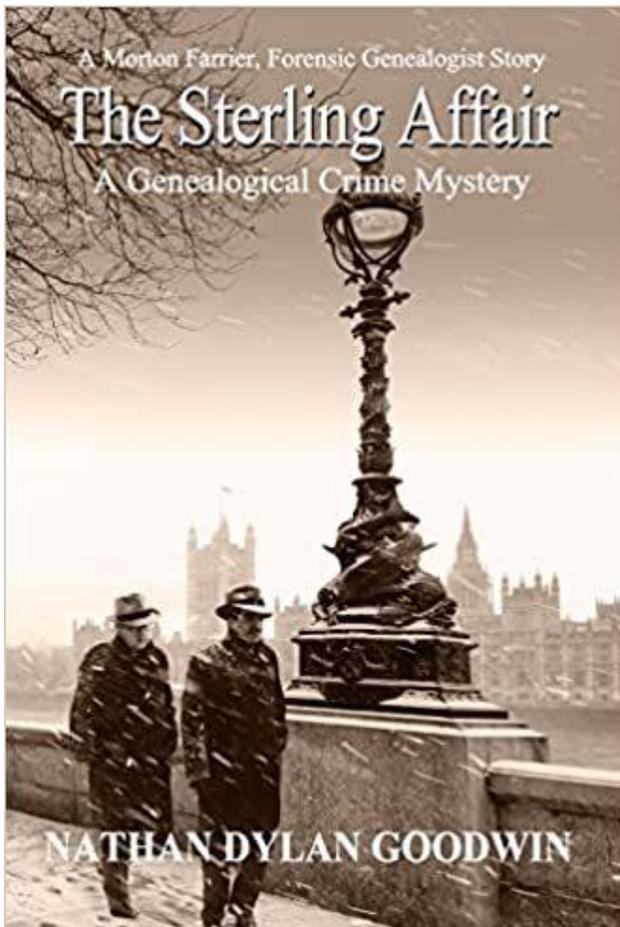
The Sterling Affair

ISBN 9781696700252

By Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Independently published (17/01/2020).

Available from Amazon (and other suppliers) as Kindle at £4.99 or in paper back at £8.60.



This is the latest novel from the forensic genealogist, Morton Farrier.

His research is set in the 1950s as he delves into espionage, spies and the life of someone linked to MI5 and MI6 who had a false identity and suspiciously, committed suicide in 2019 but actually died in the 1940's.

He is further confronted with a problem to solve within his own family research which is triggered when he discovers a close contact revealed through his own DNA.

Once again, Nathan gives us a very enjoyable read with many twists and turns throughout the story.

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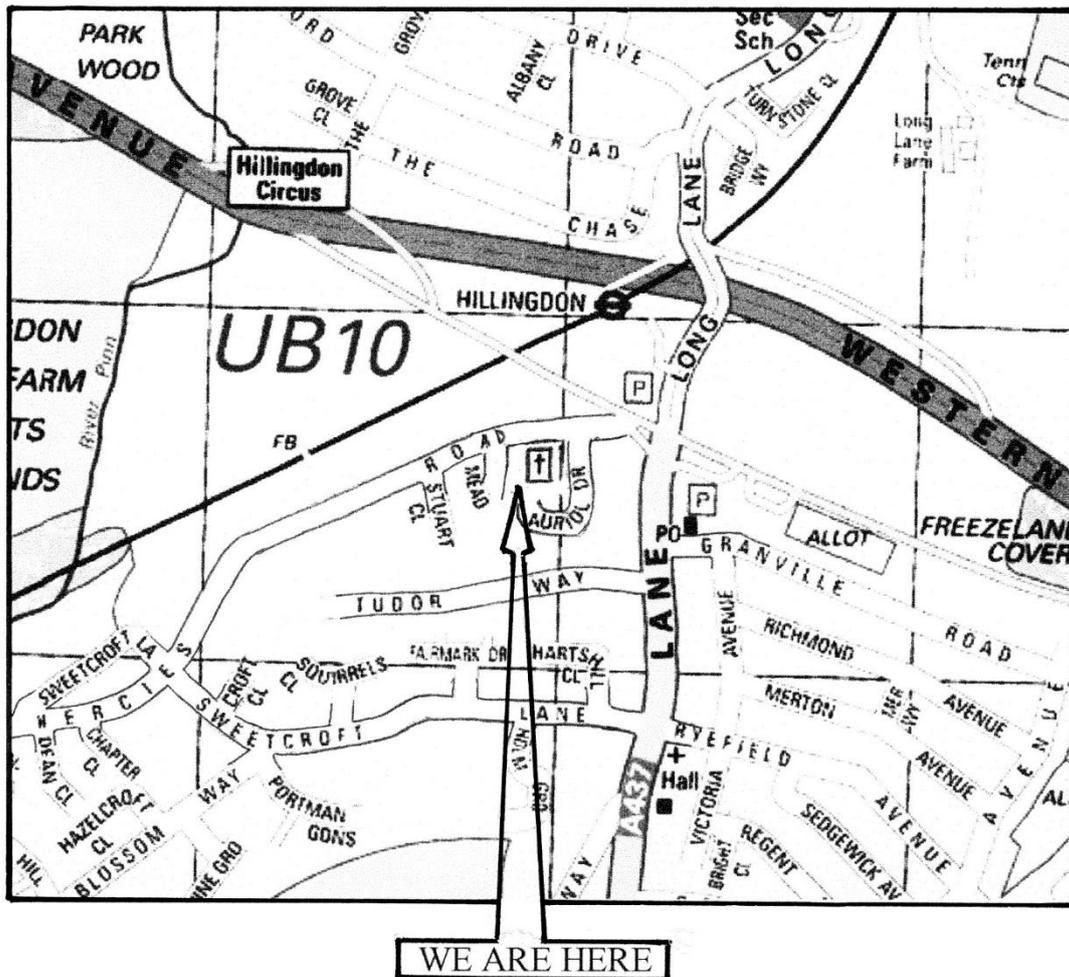
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