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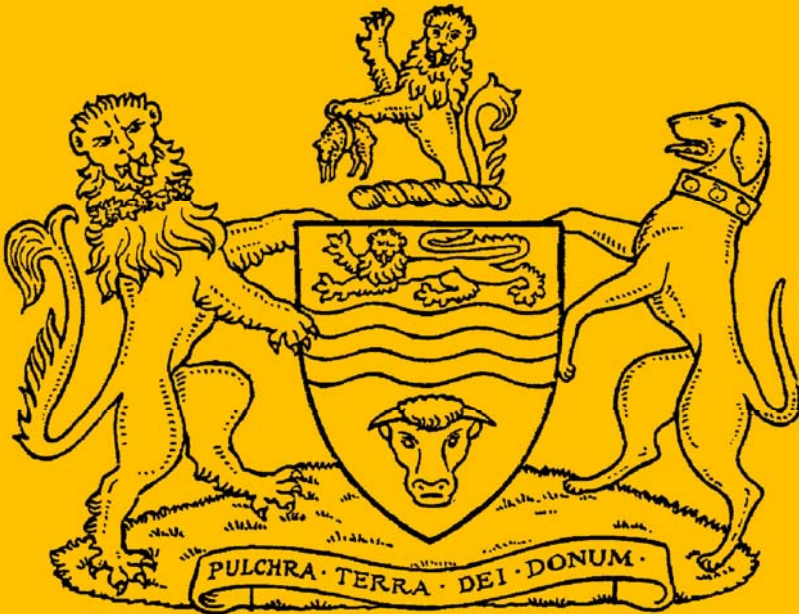
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## **Editor's Report**

By the time you read this we will be well into the month of April and I am looking forward to both spending more time on my allotment and doing some of my own family history research.

Maybe I will need to start creating my own articles for the journal as I have none in reserve for the next Herefordiensis, hope you can help.

Another thing that is lacking this edition is Members Interests that have or have not been sent to Jane Cox, our Membership Secretary. The last time I suggested this there was a flurry. Maybe we only take the on-line version which is on our website at [www.herefordshireFHS.org.uk](http://www.herefordshireFHS.org.uk)

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### **BURIAL INDEXING PROJECT – UPDATE**

Following the Covid Pandemic lockdowns in 2020 and 2021 the small group of people working on indexing burials in Herefordshire up to 1812 was reformed in July 2021 and has been active since this date. The group meets once a month on the first Friday at Herefordshire Records Office.

Membership of the group has stayed fairly constant during this period. Two people have dropped out and have been replaced by three new members. The project is advertised in the Family History Society's newsletter and in Herefordiensis. This publicity does generate enquiries from people who think they might be interested in joining the group. To be expected, not every enquiry results in an actual new member but all enquiries are very welcome and we encourage people to come along and see if they want to join us.

As everyone will appreciate, the project itself is huge but we are eating this elephant in bites and I am pleased to say steady progress is being made. Since our reformation we have submitted 26 registers to the National Federation for them to include in their national compilation data base. The group continues to be split between those members who are transcribing registers and those members who check transcribed work prior to submission to the National Federation. We also have two people who do not attend the sessions but support us by typing those transcriptions that are completed by hand rather by computer.

In conclusion the project is moving ahead and we will continue to submit checked registers to the National Federation as frequently as we can.

**Linda Lloyd**

## **Chairman's Report**

At last the days are getting longer. Flora and fauna are bustling along and the grass needs cutting. As is usual at this time of year the committee ask for society members to join the committee to keep the society going.

For the foreseeable future Zoom will be the communication of choice so that distance is not a problem for attendance at the meetings. We already have a distance member – thanks Bob. Anyone interested in keeping the society going can contact any committee member prior to the A.G.M. in May.

We are now generating revenue from files placed on the 'Find My Past' web site. Pop in, and just looking creates revenue! The bereavement burial datasets of Hereford Crematorium and Herefordshire Cemeteries are now available on our website at:

**[www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk](http://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk)**

Here you can pay membership fees, browse through our free selected items for members or order all sorts of wonderful genealogical goodies. Our Membership Secretary, Jane Cox, is waiting to renew or join up membership to all who call. A full Zoom program of monthly talks has been developed by our Programme Secretary, Norman Price for this year and into next year. See our journal *Herefordiensis*, for details.

Ongoing projects being undertaken by the society are always in need of volunteers to help transcribe or check the many sources of genealogical data that is maintained at the HARC. If you can spare a couple of hours a week you are very welcome to join the dedicated few who produce these vital sources of information.

May you all stay safe and healthy in the coming year.

**Alan Charles**  
**Acting Chairman Herefordshire F.H.S.**  
**Membership No. 268**

## The Whitecross Chronicles No: 4



Holy Trinity Church was opened and consecrated on Thursday, May 28th 1885, but it wasn't until 1912, according to Norman OWEN in Holy Trinity Hereford, that the first vicarage was built and the Rev. Douglas Grose SARGENT MA and family moved in. So where had the clergy lived?

In the 1911 census Douglas Sargent (32) and his wife Mary (31) were living at 82 Whitecross Road, which was the year before they moved into the new vicarage. They had been married for five years and had two children Christopher aged 4 and Gordon 11 months. It was a full house that census night as Alice THOMSON, Mary's sister was a 'visitor' and they had three servants living in. The cook was Margaret FARMER (21), Annie POWELL (17) was their 'Nurse Housemaid', and Rose MORRIS (20) the 'House Parlourmaid'. I expect that Annie helped with the childcare as well as having some house cleaning jobs to do – would she have been responsible for washing the nappies and children's clothes?

Today on Whitecross Road opposite The Tomkins Theatre (the old Parish Hall), there is a house named 'Trinity House' which I thought at first must be the old Vicarage, but it is No. 109 Whitecross Road not No. 82 which is where Douglas was living according to the 1911 census (and which says it had 16 rooms!). Perhaps the house numbers have changed and it was 82 in 1911? And what a lot of rooms! His neighbours in the census only have 7, and Kate Pitchford (Emily's sister), who I mentioned last time was living at 18 Cotterell Street with 5 rooms.

The 1911 census also records another 'Trinity House' at 4 Baggallay Street, this time with 10 rooms, which Norman OWEN thought was the vicar's residence before a proper vicarage was built, but I can't fit this in properly with the information I've just given. Perhaps they were renting and moved?

The previous census year was 1901 when Rev Edward Charles POULTER (41) who was 'Priest in charge' lived at 22 Scudamore Street. He followed Rev James OAKELEY who had become the first 'Curate in charge' in 1889 and had stayed 10 years before passing away on December 13th 1899 at 6 Whitecross Road.

There is a memorial plaque to his memory on the south wall of the sanctuary of Holy Trinity and he obviously had been a popular priest, well loved and I expect greatly missed. Perhaps that is why Edmund Poulter only stayed for three years.

Indeed, two other priests who had been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity filled the gap between Edmund POULTER and Douglas SARGENT - Robert Aubrey AITKIN and Francis Julian DYSON. Douglas himself was only vicar for 5 years before moving but the next Vicar, Rev Harold Metcalfe FOWLER was here for 20 Years.

Norman Owen's book *Holy Trinity Hereford* gives details about what happened to the 1912 vicarage: 'after 81 years it was pulled down and the land sold to build Vowles Close. The new vicarage was built at the rear, much smaller in size. The Church Commissioners were finding that large vicarages were expensive in upkeep and also took a lot of fuel to heat. They were able to increase their revenue by selling part of the large plot of land which was the vicarage garden'.

So readers! Here is a problem of mine which you can solve - where was the house where the Sargents lived, numbered 82 Whitecross Road, situated in 1911, and is it still there today?



**Jean Thomson**

*Ed - Maybe this one*

**Births, Marriages & Deaths March 1921 – June 1921**  
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**1 September 1921.** The death of John LEWIS at Seven Stars Inn, Clehonger. Aged 79 years.

**3 September 1921.** The death of Mira JONES of 104 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 58 years. The death of Charles WHITING at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 77 years. The death of Arthur BARBER of Brecon Road, Hay. Aged 66 years.

**4 September 1921.** The death of Edith Marion FARR of 17 Baysham Street, Hereford. Aged 23 years. The death of William EVANS at the Hereford General Hospital. Aged 55 years.

**5 September 1921.** The marriage at Weobley Parish Church of Roger GRIFFITHS of Portland Street, Weobley to Minnie ANDERSON of Old Bank, Weobley. The death of Margaret EVANS of 12 Victoria Street, Hereford. Aged 51 years. The death of Bertha Sarah HUNT, late of Leominster. Aged 54 years.

**7 September 1921.** The marriage at Ewyas Harold Parish Church of George WILLIAMS of Abbeydore to Bessie REYNOLDS. The death of William John LEWIS of Mayonille, Ledbury. Postman. Age 41 years. The death of Thomas WILLIS of Richmond Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

**8 September 1921.** The marriage at Mansel Lacy Church of Bertram WATKINS of New House, Brinsop to Edith E (Sellie) MERRICK. The death of William James TARRANT of the Sun Inn, Kington. Killed in a horse race at Bleddfa. Head injury. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death. The death of Isabella Margaret WHATLEY of Aston Ingham. Aged 83 years.

**10 September 1921.** The death of Frances Doris Irene SMART of 35 Mortimer Road, Hereford. Aged 2 years.

**12 September 1921.** The marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of James DEE of Kenchester to Annie BAYLISS. The death of George William PREECE of 10 Berrington Street, Hereford. Collapsed in Commercial Road, Hereford. Aged 70 years. Coroner verdict – Death due to heart failure after strenuous work. The death of Martha SHEERS of Bellgate Cottage, Shobden at Presteign. Accident with a pony and trap. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

**14 September 1921**The marriage at the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Penybont of William Alfred WILSON of Newport to Edith Mary JONES of Penybont. The death of William SANDFORD of 21 Victoria Street, Hereford. Aged 78 years.

**15 September 1921.** The death of William LAYTON of Knaves Castle Farm, Presteign Aged 50 years.

**16 September 1921.** The death of Elijah SHAW at 8 Meyrick Street. Aged 79.

**18 September 1921.** The marriage at Bromyard Parish Church of Leonard Arthur LEE of Manchester to Amy Florence POWELL of the Progress Stores, Bromyard. The death of William DAVIES of The Green, Crickhowell. Aged 37 years.

**21 September 1921.** The death of William BEAVEN of unknown address at Uphampton Farm, Docklow. Hop picker. Died in sleep. Aged 45 years. Coroner



Verdict – Death from natural causes, heart condition. The death of James Cradock MORGAN at Hereford General Hospital. Aged 56 years. The death of Helen Margaret JONES of The Olives, Cantilupe Street, Hereford, at Llandudno. Aged 26 years.

**22 September 1921.** The death of Julia HALL of 41 Bath Street, Hereford. Bedroom fire. Aged 70 years. Coroner verdict – Death due to heart failure from heat apoplexy. The death of Edith Elizabeth BULL at Harley House, St John Street, Hereford. Aged 61 years.

**23 September 1921.** The death of Harry Spencer Horsfall BICKHAM of Hilltop Ledbury. Aged 46 years. Coroners Verdict – Died from an overdose of prussic acid, self-administered in a fit of temporary insanity. The death of Elizabeth PRICE of Castle Road, Knighton. Aged 66 years.

**24 September 1921.** The marriage at Norton Church of John BENNETT of Norton to Edith Susannah WATKINS of Broad Street, Presteign. The death of Joseph JAMES at Old Colwall Lodge, Colwall. Aged 75 years. The death of Edith CLARKE of 97 St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 48 years.

**25 September 1921.** The death of Dorothy TRUSS at 30 Mill Street, Hereford. Aged 12 weeks.

**26 September 1921.** The death of William T LUDWICK of Luston. Aged 56 years.

**27 September 1921.** The marriage at Tarrington Parish Church of Captain Frank Oswald LEWIS of Bedfordshire to Enid Mary GREEN-PRICE of the Rectory, Tarrington. The death of Ann Elizabeth POWELL at 1 Weavers Court, Hereford. Aged 71 years. The death of Anna SYMONDS of Pengethley, Ross. Aged 83 years.

**28 September 1921.** The death of Thomas William ROBINSON at Bastion Mews, Union Street, Hereford. Aged 87 years. The death of Helen Margaret JONES of The Olives, Cantilupe Street, Hereford at Llandudno. Aged not known.

**30 September 1921.** The death of Arthur CANTLE of 25 Canal Road, Hereford. Aged 66 Years. The death of Elizabeth PRICE of Castle Road, Knighton. Aged 66 years.

**2 October 1921.** The death of Henry JOHNSON at 37 Mortimer Road, Hereford. Aged 52 years. The death of Rosetta SLATTERY at 63 Catherine Street, Hereford. Aged 3 years.

**3 October 1921.** The death of Frances Elizabeth BEVAN of 42 Ryeland Street, Hereford, late of Grosmont. Aged 76 years.

**4 October 1921.** The death of Charles John DAVIES of Gwerngenny Farm, Kilpeck. Arm crushed in cider press. Aged 34 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to collapse from shock of the injury and haemorrhage. The death of Willi James DAVIES, councillor and land agent of Friars House, Barton Road, Hereford. Aged 54 years.

**5 October 1921.** The marriage at Christ Church, Toronto of John Roderick BULMAN of 15 Baggallay Street, Hereford to Felecia Hannah COOK of Toronto, Canada.

**6 October 1921.** The death of John Charles DERRY of the Highway, Canon

Pyon. Meningitis. Aged 50 years. The death of William Henry HOOPER, baker, of 35 Eign Road, Hereford. Aged 66 years

**7 October 1921.** The death of Elisabeth Joan PRESSEY at the Hereford General Hospital. Aged 5 weeks. The death of John Thomas JONES of 11 Penyre Noel, Skewen. Aged 57 years.

**8 October 1921.** The marriage at All Saints Church, Bishopswood of Thomas Henry MORGAN of Bishopswood to Annie WILLIAMS of Bishopswood. The death of Elizabeth Jane BOOTH of 2 Stonebow Road, Hereford. Aged 35 years. The death of Thomas Osmand GAGG at 87 Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 37 years.

**9 October 1921.** The death of Marian BAYLISS at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

**11 October 1921.** The marriage at Hay of Vernon GWILLIAM of Paris House, Hay to Vera BLANEY of Bronith.

**12 October 1921.** The marriage at Byford Church of Henry Edwin WHITEMAN of 'The Hyde', Leominster to Vera GRIFFITHS of Byford House. The death of Frederick BOOKER of Orchard Cottage, Leominster. Found at Gin Hall Lane with his throat cut. Aged 59 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide while of unsound mind.

**16 October 1921.** The death of Thomas THOMAS-MOORE of the Old Hall, Dolau. Aged 70 years.

**17 October 1921.** The death of R BUTTERWITH at Dawlish, late of Hereford. Motorcycle accident. Proprietor of the 'Kinema', St Owen Street, Hereford.

**18 October 1921.** The death of Edwin GRAY of the Grange, Orcop at Okanagan Mission, British Columbia. Aged 47 years. The death of William PYE at 4 Walmer Street, Hereford. Aged 63 years.

**20 October 1921.** The death of Margaret Ethel JONES of Bewell Street, Hereford. Aged 5 years.

**21 October 1921.** The death of Henry PUGH at 36 Bridge Street, Hereford. Aged 57 years. The death of James SOCKETT at 9 Perseverance Road, Hereford. Aged 53 years.

**22 October 1921.** The death of Herbert Leonard WYNNE at 2 Mortimer Road, Hereford. Aged 44 years.

**23 October 1921.** The death of George WRIGHT of Rowstone, at St Devereux. Deaf. Run over by a train. Aged 45 years. Coroner Verdict – Trespassing on railway and killed by a passing train.

**24 October 1921.** The death of Charles Joseph DANIELS of 83 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Died in the street. Heart condition. Aged 13 years.

**26 October 1921.** The marriage at All Saints Church, Hereford of James William ROBERTS of Wharf House, Hereford to Violet Mary GRUNDY of Fremington, Marden. (Photograph)

The death of Martha BEAVAN (nee BENIAMS) at 30 Stanhope Street, Hereford. Quaker. Aged 68 years. The death of Eliza EVANS of Trevernan, Llangarron. Unknown heart condition. Aged 65 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes. The death of Ann KEMP at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 77

The death of Albert BOWEN at 4 Southview Place, Canal Road, Hereford. Aged 24 years. The death of Alice O'NEIL at 5 Eign Mill Cottages, Hereford. Aged 52 years.

**27 October 1921.** The marriage at St Peter's Church, Hereford of George H OSBORNE of Huddersfield to Phyllis Mary MASON of the Old Manor House, St Owen Street, Hereford. The marriage at St Peter's Church, Hereford of Albert SILKSTONE to Gertrude PREECE. (Photograph). The death of Arnold John FARR at Elms Farm, Kentchurch. Found in a pond. Aged 17 months. Coroner Verdict – Accidentally drowned.

**1 November 1921.** The death of Elizabeth GREEN of Buttermilk Hall, Bromyard. Died of burns. Aged 98 years. The death of John James WATKINS of Lower House Farm, Tyberton, at Tyberton Court. Blew out brains. Aged 50 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide during temporary insanity. The death of Winifred Helen GODSALL at 42 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 8 years. The death of Annie Elizabeth JONES at the Guildhall, Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 16 years.

**2 November 1921.** The death of Charles YATES at 3 Priory Place, Hereford. Aged 59 years. The death of Alice Maud Mars GRACE at Haywood Villa, Whitecross, Hereford. Aged 58 years.

**3 November 1921.** The death of John PHILLIPS of Catley Southfield, Bosbury, at Briercroft, Bosbury. Found drowned. Aged 57 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidentally fell into pool in darkness and was drowned. The death of Eliza BURTON of 112 Ross Road, Hereford. Aged 97 years.

**4 November 1921.** The death of Ann PARRY of the Vineyard, Hampton Park. Aged 79 years. The death of Dr David Dryburgh GOLD of Rydale Mount, Bodenham Road, Hereford. Aged 48 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to heart failure after influenza attack.

**5 November 1921.** The death of Edwin JONES of 47 Broad Street, Hereford. Saddler. Aged 86 years. The death of John PERRY of Hereford. Aged 81 years.

**8 November 1921.** The death of Mary BOUNDS of 3 Bank Cottages, Bryngwyn Terrace, Hereford. Aged 72 years. The death of William Henry BRAMLEY at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 67 years. The death of Catherine Elizabeth MCGREGOR at The Doon, Colwall. Aged 61 years.

**9 November 1921.** The death of William JAMES of Upper Colwall. Builder. Aged 54 years. The death of Elizabeth BUTLER at the General Hospital. Aged 82

**10 November 1921.** The death of George Eric Richard DAVIES of Watery Lane Cottages, Bullingham. Burned to death. Aged 21 months. Coroner Verdict – Death due to shock, the result of extensive burns. The death of Richard MORRIS of Field Tack, Risbury. Found in a tank of water. Aged 73 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death. The death of Pheobe Elizabeth NEESHAM at 11 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 50 years.

**11 November 1921.** The death of William HYDE at 2 Spring Villas, Portfield Street, Hereford. Retired railway guard. Aged 71 years.

**12 November 1921.** The death of Annie Louise GRIFFITHS at The Raven Hotel, Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 24 years.

**14 November 1921.** The marriage at St Mary's Church, Kington of William Joseph PARMEE of Didcot to Helen Mabel LLOYD of Kington. The death of Rose A MADDOX at Garrick Theatre, Hereford. Aged 35 years.

**17 November 1921.** The marriage at St Francis Xavier 's Church, Hereford of William James LEWIS of 29 Richmond Street, Hereford to Florence Elizabeth MCCREA of Ross-on-Wye. The death of Emma GREGG of Eaton View, South Street, Leominster. Aged 75 years.

**18 November 1921.** The death of Frederick SMITH at Steen's Bridge. Aged 61 years. The death of George Edwin LEACH at 19 Bath Street, Hereford. Sudden death. Aged 58 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes hastened by chlorine gas poisoning.

**19 November 1921.** The death of Evan Evan MORGAN at 41 Westfaling Street, Hereford. Hanged himself. Aged 61 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide during a temporary fit of insanity.

**20 November 1921.** The death of William DUNN at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 63 years.

**22 November 1921.** The death of George PULLING of 57 Blue School Street, Hereford. Aged 55 years. The death of William HUGHES at 42 Millbrook Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years. The death of George LLOYD of Cwmbach.

**25 November 1921.** The birth of a daughter to William GRISMAN of 4 Kimberley Villas, Portfield Street, Hereford. The death of Mary Ann WILLIAMS of Mayfield, Tenbury. Aged 72 years. Drowned in a water tank. Coroner Verdict – Committed suicide while of unsound mind. The death of James Pryce GRIFFITHS of The Firs, Westfields, Hereford. Aged 56 years.

**26 November 1921.** The death of Abigall LLOYD of Cwmbach. Aged 72 years.

**28 November 1921.** The death of Louie Johns SKYRME of Dingle Vale, Penngrove, Hereford. Aged 42 years. The death of Maud PRICE of Mona Cottage, Builth Wells. Aged 30 years.

**29 November 1921.** The marriage at St James Church, Hereford of Joh BECK of Blaina to Edith Clara DAVIES nee PREECE of 8 Green Street, Hereford.

**30 November 1921.** The marriage at St Edward's Parish Church, Knighton of Thomas Aaron SIMPSON of Lichfield to Gertrude Lily POWIS of Rose Cottage, Knighton.

The death of James MCCARTLEY at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 70 years. The death of Mrs M A DAVIES of Bowling Green Lane, Knighton. Aged 69 years.

**1 December 1921.** The death of Thomas MORRIS of 32 Whitecross Road, Hereford. Aged 73 years. The death of Eliza HARRIS of Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 80 years.

**2 December 1921.** The death of John William Francis ENGLISH of 4 Rosebery Villas, St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 50 years. The death of Samuel SMITH at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

**3 December 1921.** The death of Mrs M J DAVIES nee MEALE at Pembrey, Glasbury-on-Wye. Aged 26 years. The death of Mr G LLOYD of Cwmbach. A young man.

**4 December 1921.** The death of Rev. John HAMPTON of Park Cottage, Eye. Aged 88 years.

**5 December 1921.** The marriage at St Peter's Church, Hereford of Percy Lee DAWSON of 13 St Ethelbert Street, Hereford to Amy ALDERSON of Appleby, Westmoreland. (Photograph)

The death of Sidney Percy EDWARDS of 5 Ashley Cottages, Dawes Road, Portfields, Hereford. Aged 41 years.

**6 December 1921.** The death of Benjamin GWATKIN of 1 Wye Street, Hereford. Aged 68 years. The death of Margaret LANE of 10 Inner Friars, Hereford. Aged 82 years.

**9 December 1921.** The death of William Edgar BADHAM at Cwm Cottage, Abbeydore. Shot himself. Aged 24 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

**16 December 1921.** The death of Thomas Sidney JONES of 44 Millbrook Street, Hereford. Aged 24 years.

**17 December 1921.** The death of William EVANS of 60 Grandstand Road, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

**18 December 1921.** The death of Alice WALTERS at 10 Clive Street, Hereford. Aged 82 years. The death of Edith HINCE at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 29 years.

**24 December 1921.** The death of Noah BURGESS of Mill Street, Brecon. Aged 80 years. The death of Miss Jane MORGAN of Caenantmelyn Farm, Hay. Aged 73 years. The death of Matthews REES of Llanfihangel, Crucorney. Aged 75 years. The death of Geoffrey Bernard NIBLETT of 3 Delacy Street, Hereford. Aged 19 months. The death of Elizabeth GEORGE of 23 Burcott Road, Hereford. Aged 55 years.

**25 December 1921.** The death of Elizabeth PRICE of Bircher Common, Yarpole. Aged 30 years.

**26 December 1921.** The marriage at the Priory Church, Leominster of Harold EASTMENT of Kempsey, Worcester to Dorothea WARNER of Broad Street, Leominster. The marriage at St Peter's Church, Hereford of Hubert George LEWIS of St Martin's to Nancy SMITH of 17 Union Street, Hereford. The death of Anne EVANS of 29 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 65 years.

**27 December 1921.** The death of Elizabeth PULLING of Priory Cottage, Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Aged 84 years. The death of Charles James KEMEYS of 7 Bath Street, Hereford. Aged 49 years.

**28 December 1921.** The death of Arthur Bryan PARRY-JONES of Upper Lyde. Aged 57 years.

**Alan Charles  
Membership No 268**

**Manorial Courts**  
By Clare O'Grady QG

The earliest manor court rolls from England date from 1246 but by the 1270s, these documents were plentiful. That is not to say that many have survived. It all does really depend on which manor you are looking into but the earliest court rolls for Herefordshire date from the 1270s and the latest the 1920s.

The heading of a manor court roll usually gives the name of the court, the day and the week and the date. The date can be tricky to work out as it is usually expressed in relation to a Saints Day, for example 3 days after St Clare's day. This is alright when the Saints Day is fixed but many documents have a date connected to easter which as we know, is a moveable feast. This is then followed by a regnal year. The name of the Lord is also noted and if the manor was in the control of a monastery then the name and year of office of the Abbot would be noted. Anno abbatu Johannis vicesimo There are various tools online for working out regnal years and historic easters.

The courts were opened with a formal proclamation and jurors answered to their names which are sometimes recorded in the roll. The steward then outlined the items to be covered by the court. These could include:

Whether every male over 12 years old was enrolled in the tithing or frankpledge. Head tithingmen could be fined for not enrolling all males over 12.

Whether all suitors were present or had sent their essoins:

Whether any offences against the custom of the manor had been committed.

Whether any surrenders or transfers or other transactions involving land had taken place in those lands under the lord's jurisdiction.

Whether any new tenants were to be admitted formally on payment of the customary fine (in in this case fine does not mean a penalty but a sum of money)

whether there were pleas of litigants, complaints of affray etc

There were two main types of manorial court and the matters discussed depended on which type it was:

**Court Baron (sometimes known as small court)**

By right, the lord of the manor could hold a court for his local tenants that was usually called every 3 weeks or so and is known as a Court Baron. Its main focus was to deal with the customs of the manor, that is the obligations of a tenant to his lord and vice versa as well as the transfer of land. It could enforce all payment and services due and also had jurisdiction over land disputes between individual tenants such as trespass and a tenant not maintaining ditches or fences. The court also appointed some local officials including the reeve or bailiff who collected what was owed to the lord and also the hayward who was in charge of enclosures and fences. By the 18<sup>th</sup> century the Court Baron only really dealt with transactions involving copyhold land.

Court Baron Manor court rolls list changes in tenancy such as:

**Surrender of land** within a manor from the copyholder, with the Lord or Lady of the Manor's permission, to another tenant. This was often reinforced by a warranty clause in which the holder renounced for him and his heirs any possibility of a future claim to the title.

The person to whom the land was surrendered also appeared in the court and the title was given through the steward (per senescallum suum). This possession is referred to as **seisin**. The incoming tenant paid a fine to the lord at his entry (ad ingresum) and was admitted as a tenant. The fine paid by a tenant who was not an heir is called a relief. Its level was usually fixed by local custom

#### **Great Cressingham, Norfolk 1328-1329**

4d. Isabel Farysay surrendered into the lord's hand one rood and a quarter of a rood and one rood of meadow and half a cottage to the use of Martin Basil's son and Alice his wife and their heirs to hold in villeinage of the will of the lord etc. all rights being saved and he gives to the lord 4d.

Relief rolls record the tenant giving up his property and a new tenant relieving him of his obligations. Over time, as labour services were replaced by money payments, you will find lists of tenants and their rents on rent rolls or rentals. These are more plentiful than some of the other manorial records and the main holder for Herefordshire is Herefordshire archives. Monkland, Moreton-on-Lugg and Fownhope rentals go up to 1900 and the earliest ones from 1250 include Tupsley, Bromyard and Ledbury.

Court Baron rolls also recorded:

Escheats (when tenants died without an heir).

An incoming freehold tenant paying a relief for his right to take over the tenancy.

An incoming villein paying an entry fine and swearing fealty to the lord.

It was the duty of the homage to inform the court on oath when a tenant had died since the last court. They then stated who was the heir and whether a heriot was due. These records can be a gold mine for researchers. The surrenders and admissions held by Herefordshire archives are fairly extensive, dating from 1559 until 1925, with the majority being from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Court Leet (sometimes known as great court)**

These were usually held every 6 months or so, and had powers to deal with offences such as common nuisances, affray and breaking laws on the weighing and quality of bread and ale. As the extracts below show, the court had a very wide-ranging remit!

### **Prior and Convent of Durham 1345-83**

From Agnes POSTELL and Alice of Belasis, for breaking the assize of ale, 2d.  
From Alice of Belasis, for bad ale, and moreover because the ale which she sent to the Terrar was of no strength, as was proved in court, 2s.

### **Hesilden 1376**

It is enjoined upon all the women of the vill that they restrain their tongues and that they do not quarrel nor swear at any one.

Atherstone, Warwickshire. Courts from 7 to 8 Henry V. [1419—1420].

That no one henceforth of the township of Atherston shall play at the game called the " Teneyes " under the pain of 40d. as often as he is seen to play

Some local officers such as constables were appointed here. The court could fine or imprison people and was based on the system of frankpledge. In frankpledge households were arranged in groups of about 10 called tithings and it was their responsibility to keep law and order within the tithing. This was often called the view of frankpledge. As time went on the tithing system was replaced in part by the King's court and also by Justices of the Peace.

The reeve or the head tithing man of a vill presented offenders to the court. Due to the fact that communities were farming in close proximity to each other at the time, a lot of offences were those that impinged on your neighbours. These could include if your beasts trespassed on another person's land, if you failed to scour ditches or erect fences and so on.

Most incidents dealt with in these courts were fairly minor but some lords had the power to try offences such as murder. Women can be conspicuously absent in a lot of manor court rolls but one area that they do appear in is the price and quality of bread and ale. Presentments of people who sold other food at an excessive price or of bad quality can also be found. A presentment was a statement on oath by the jury or by an officer of the manor court, accusing an individual of breaching a rule or byelaw. Juries in this context did not sit in judgement but rather presented evidence and testified to the accused's and the litigant's character.



In practice the functions of the two courts were not always kept apart and it was often the case that they were held at the same time. Tenants who attended the court were known as the homage which is also the act of pledging loyalty to the lord. In some smaller manors the lord himself presided over the court but more often it was their steward or deputy. Free tenants were not necessarily obliged to attend every Court Baron and this depended very much on the customs of the manor. Villeins however were obliged to attend every court. If they could not attend, they had to send an essoins (an excuse for non-appearance) with another tenant. They could be excused for being so sick that they couldn't get out of bed, being abroad (*ultra mare*), doing the king's service and becoming ill on the way to the court. These essoins are recorded on an Essoins roll.

Not many of these survive for Herefordshire but those for Madley, Eggleton, Canon Pyon, Holme Lacy, Clehonger, Preston on Wye, Woolhope, Hereford and Norton Canon, all from 1305 to 1306 are available at Canterbury Cathedral archives. There are some essoins for Wormelow from 1775 to 1825 available at Herefordshire archives but the catalogue lists them as being mutilated.

If a tenant missed three consecutive courts (with essoins) or did not provide an essoins for one then they were fined. When this happened, the tenant is said to have been placed at the mercy of the lord and the subsequent fine is known as an amercement. The actual amount of any amercement or fine was left to the decision of the affeerers at the end of the court proceedings. Goods could also be seized if a tenant defaulted. People who were placed in mercy had to find a pledge to guarantee the payment of the fine imposed and the amount of the amercement was often written next to the offender's name in the court roll. These are called Estreat rolls.

Estreat rolls for Herefordshire are distributed in a number of archives. The two main ones are the National Archives and Herefordshire archives but Longleat House hold a number for parishes including Eardisland, Fownhope and Lyonshall. The National Library of Wales holds estreats for, amongst others, Kilpeck, Ewyas Lacy, Craswall and Welsh Bicknor.

### **Account rolls**

Account rolls or *compti* were made up annually by the reeve or bailiff and contain details of income coming to the lord in rent, sales of work, from hay and grain and also expenses such as repairing buildings and buying tools. They often contain inventories of farm stock and other miscellaneous items.

A wide range of account rolls survive for Herefordshire with the majority being from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### **Manorial surveys**

Manorial surveys differ from manor to manor but on the whole surveys indicate manor boundaries, often naming tenants or fields. There is also a type of survey called a custumal which lists the rights and obligations of tenants, their rents and rights of common. Surveys can date from the 13<sup>th</sup> century but become increasingly common from the 1530s after the dissolution of the monasteries and after the Civil War. New landowners were keen to specify the amount of land they owned and the tenancies attached.

In Herefordshire surviving custumals are very rare but they survive for Winforton, Kingstone and Bosbury, Colwall and Coddington. Surveys, however, are much more common and are held in various places including the British Library, the National archives, Herefordshire archives, Longleat and Gwent archives.

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**Membership No 2554**

## Parish Profile of Pembridge



**Parish records** deposited in Hereford Record Office within the HARC are from 1564 - 1859 for baptisms, 1564 - 1920 for marriages and 1564 - 1876 for burials.

**Church Records**, good selection of general church records including Church Warden's accounts, Parish Meetings, Vestry Minutes.

**General Research** items include records on a wide variety of subjects including: Bridge Street housing development, Burgage properties, Broxwood Church, Pembridge United Charities 1859 – 1959, Carpenter & Bengough Charity 1920 – 1920, Congregational Church minutes 1875 – 1915, Broxwood Estate sale particulars 1919, Twyford Estate Sale notice 1927, Bolton Estate plans 1804 – 1807, Milton Estate sale particulars 1844, Glebe Terriers 1636, Greyhound Inn, New Inn, Yew Tree Inn sale particulars 1919, Enclosure Awards 1783 – 1862, deeds & related documents 1632 – 1800, Market Hall, Murder in 1923, parish council records, Parsons Walk dispute over access, extract of grant of Herbage & Pannage in Pembridge Park in 1545, school plans and history and much more.

**Phil Bufton**

## **Newspaper Archive Donated by Worcester Civic Society Heather Bufton**

In addition to the topics listed in the January Journal, topics covered are:

Newspapers, Nature Trust, Roads/Transport, Twinning, Stuart Houghton Ltd, Health Authority, Snail Farm, H.R. Smith Tech. developments, Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School, Royal National College for the Blind, Hergest Gypsy site, Whitecross Nursery School, Bottle Banks, Gravel, Local Government, Tupsley, Grants, Trumpet, Awards, Glue sniffing, Theatre & Leisure Centre, Home Check, Hereford Structure Plan, Swimming Pool, Technical College, Sixth Form College, Golden Valley, Bigfoot Mountain Bikes, Hoarwithy, Churches, Preservation Trust, Smart Ideas grants, Belmont, Croft Castle, Goodrich, Literacy Campaign, Herefordshire / Gloucestershire Canal, Agriculture – Sheep, Agriculture – Potatoes, Wye packaging, Bromsberrow St Mary's Church, Burghill, Brockhampton (Ross) Church, Torvale Engineering, Keg Services, Ewyas Harold, Excelsior Plastics, River Wye & valley, Peterchurch, Ledbury Wall walkers, Cider & Perry, Agriculture Pigs, Agriculture Ploughing, Stoke Lacy, Kington, Bishops School, Hereford Record Office, Africa, Aldi Supermarket, War & Conflict, Hicks Associates, Much Marcle, Helping Hand Company, Much Dewchurch, Pencombe, Castle Frome, Barometers, Baugh & Weedon, Bosbury, Hereford Police & Choir, Bulmers, Mappa Mundi / Cathedral, Cathedral School, Bluecoat School, Cattle Market, Cathedral Library, The Cider Museum, Cinema, City Council, Agricultural College, Art College, Technical College, Hereford new developments, Drybridge House, Festivals, Road Accidents, Belmont Abbey School, All Saints Church, Arts, Hereford Bill, The Buttermarket and the Bye Street Statues .

**The index is available to search in the Members Area of the website.**

**Should you not have access to the site register at**

**[www.herefordshireFHS.org.uk](http://www.herefordshireFHS.org.uk)**

**Heather Bufton**

Examples of the Newspaper Archive

# Politicians: Swords drawn over issue of traffic relief Cattle market settlement key to city bypass scheme

A NEW Hereford cattle market could be part of a deal that delivers the city its bypass. Plans are afoot to make the move integral to any relief road initiative.

Informal approaches over the idea are expected shortly, with the concept being put to the county council by autumn.

Chris Chappell, cabinet member for economic development, said shifting the market to a new south Hereford site would be included in overall discussions. But he stressed that the undertaking was very much at its embryonic stages.

The proposal, as put to The Hereford Times, would link the market's future to any new relief road, an option seen as attractive to private sector investment that the route will need in the absence of Government grants.

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But council leader Terry James maintained that moving the market south was 'purely speculation' and subject to a number of legal and financial considerations. "Matters are at a delicate stage. There's a lot of kite flying," he said.

Councillor James wants the authority-owned market to stay put as part of a development brief for the Edgar Street area.

Gordon Gilbert, chair of Herefordshire National Farmers Union, welcomed the relocation as solving access issues affecting the existing market.

● The bypass bid put two local politicians on a collision course this week. Hereford

MP Paul Keetch clashed with his Tory challenger Virginia Taylor in an early indication of election battles to come.

Mrs Taylor called on Mr Keetch to 'come off the fence' and let the electorate know whether or not he backs building a bypass — as she does.

"I know that my stand will not please everyone, but it is a nettle that needs to be grasped."

Mr Keetch accuses his opponent of 'cashing in' on transport troubles.

He said: "Even if (a bypass) were ordered today it would take 10 years to build, so we must do something now. While the Tory candidate tries to make cheap political points, I'm working with the council, public transport operators, local business and the Government to get results."

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## Peggy proves girls are tops

**GETTING to the top as a woman in a man's world is nothing new for 78-year-old Peggy Peatt.**

Mrs Peatt (pictured left), who has worked at Hereford Market for 68 years, is on the auctioneers' administrative board — with 23 men.

And that's the way it's always been for Mrs Peatt, from Wharton, near Leominster.

With her mother, she was the only woman in the market during the First World War, the first woman in the old Leominster Borough Council — and the town's first lady Mayor.

"I have never found any difficulties in coping with being the lone woman, or one of only a few women, in a particular place," said Mrs Peatt.

"In my experience, the men around you tend to be very polite and helpful."

Mrs Peatt relies on her mental arithmetic to sort out statements, VAT, disease elimination levy and commission, and rarely uses a calculator.

## Henry Jones, Hereford Wheelwright



**Figure: A Gypsy Traveller's "Ledge Wagon" made by Henry Jones of Hereford circa 1905. (Photo: Courtesy of Thimbleby & Shorland, Reading)**

The pleasure gained from genealogy may not necessarily be from your own family, but also by investigating that of other families, especially if it enhances local history knowledge. Here, my inspiration is a magnificent Gypsy Traveller's "Ledge Wagon" built circa 1905 by Henry Jones of Hereford. It was being sold by the auctioneers Thimbleby & Shorland, of Reading, in November 2022. They reported the wagon's history as:

*"It is believed that the wagon was shipped to Northern Ireland during the First World War by a Mr Lovell, but it was damaged in transit and became the property of the Government. The Government then sold it to an unknown Belfast man from whom it was acquired by Jimmy Knox in 1930, who holidayed in it until the 1960s. Mr Knox died in 1981 when it passed to a friend of his, Jack McNeill from Brown's Bay, Islandmagee, who oversaw its restoration. In 1994 it was transported to Bray, Co Wicklow, to play a part in a film production of Dickens's *The Old Curiosity Shop*..."*

Henry JONES was born in St. Martins, Hereford, 1839. Henry's father was Fownhope born, circa 1801, "*Wheelwright (Journeyman)*" Richard Jones, and his mother Woolhope born Ann. In the 1851 Census, the family lived in the "Eigne", Hereford. At this time Henry (12) was a scholar but his eldest brother Job (22) was also a "*Wheelwright (Journeyman)*". By the 1861 Census, Henry's father had died, and Henry (22) was a "*Wheelwright (Journeyman)*", with his mother living with other Jones relatives in Mill Street.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Henry married Jane PREECE of Hereford, and in the 1871 Census "*Wheelwright*" Henry, "*Wheelwright's Wife*" Jane and their four daughters were living at 55 Catherine Street. Ten years later, as recorded in the 1881 Census, Henry described himself as a "*Coachbuilder.*" Then the family, including six daughters and two sons were residing at 15 Blue School Street. Henry and Jane were still based in Blue School Street in 1891, but he described himself as a "*Carriage Builder*". Again, similarly in 1901 but Henry was both "*Carriage & Coach Builder*". As the photo of the "Ledge Wagon" shows, there is no doubt that Henry was a highly skilled craftsman.

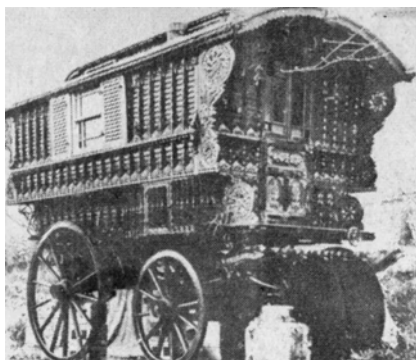
Henry did not work alone. An advertisement from the 'Hereford Journal', November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1900, implies that his sons worked with him and that he was an employer:

**"WANTED, Three WHEELWRIGHTS. Constant employment for good workmen. – Apply H. Jones & Sons, Wheelwrights, Hereford."**

As notified by his obituary in the 'Hereford Times', of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1911, the newspaper reported the "Death of Mr. H. Jones, Coachbuilder, Hereford." It included: "*An old citizen of Hereford, upwards of forty years in business as a wheelwright and coachbuilder in Blue school street, and widely known and appreciated for his excellent workmanship, passed away on Saturday last at the age of 72 years. He succumbed to the effects of a severe attack of enteritis, being confined to bed only a week.*"

And if you think that the only surviving example of Henry's work is that at Reading, another "Ledge Wagon", said to date from 1870, is in Hereford Museum's collections. In 1980, in the then ownership of a Pembridge businessman, the wagon built by Henry Jones, was saved for Hereford Museum by a grant from the Science Museum. At the time, the 'Hereford Times' stated: "*Jones was one of the best and most famous of builders.*" Acquired by the Museum, the wagon was passed to retired Hereford wheelwright George COX who in 1910 was the last apprentice for one of the Hereford "caravan builders." George Cox was born in Woolhope on February 17, 1894. He spent three years restoring the wagon and died in Hereford in 1998.





**Left Figure: Hereford Museum's Jones' wagon in 1980.**  
*(Courtesy: Derek Foxtan from a 'Hereford Times' cutting)*



**Right Figure: George Cox (Wearing glasses) working on a Gypsy Traveller wagon, circa 1960.** *(Courtesy: Keith James)*

As a final personal comment reference strange coincidences.

Although my paternal family is deeply rooted in Hereford and Herefordshire, it amuses me that the wagon for sale was restored at Brown's Bay, Islandmagee, County Antrim, less than three miles from where my maternal family were also deeply rooted for generations.

**Bob Powell**  
**HFHS Membership No 3325**



## Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

January is when we include within the journal a renewal reminder for the Herefordshire Family History Society. We have been aware that the 2017 renewal form was still to be found in the Members Area. This has now been updated with the correct date.

You only need to use this form if you send the remittance back via the post with a cheque attached. (Please do not staple it to the form)

Or you intend to use it to setup your renewal as a Bankers Order.

Although we are still very happy to receive your renewal by this method, we would prefer that you use our own webshop to renew by as below.

<https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/> will take you to our site.

This link will take you direct to the Membership page.





<https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/product-category/membership/>

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## Membership

Application and Renewal of Membership.

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## **Rotherwas.com**

### **THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1914 TO 1918**

12 new munitions factories were urgently needed to supply shells to the allied soldiers in France and the land around Rotherwas, owned by the council, was seen as an ideal location. The Ministry of Munitions started building the new ordnance factory on July 11th 1915 and advertisements for workers started appearing in the Hereford Times. The first shells rolled off the line on November 11th 1916. When the large shell store was erected it became the largest single span building in Europe. That metal framework was inspected in 2016 and passed fit for use once again.

ROF Rotherwas included 27 miles of standard gauge railway, 10 miles of foot-paths and 3 miles of roads. There was a hospital with 50 beds, a power station, a fire station and a working farm. The munitions were surrounded by 9 miles of fencing and security gates stood at each end of Holme Lacy Road, known as the Straight Mile.

By 1917 the factory was producing 70,000 shells every week and 6 thousand people worked there, 4 thousand of them were women. They came from Wales, the Forest of Dean, Birmingham and across Britain but Hereford didn't have enough houses to cope. Tents and sheds were put up in fields and the people of Hereford were urged to offer lodgings to the workers.

After the war the women were immediately sent home and 400 men stayed employed at the site until 1921 breaking down ammunition.

Do you have ancestors that worked at Rotherwas, either in First or Second World Wars. If so Rotherwas.com wants to hear about them, use this link to the form which is located on the Herefordshire FHS site on the Rotherwas page to send the information to them.

**See next page for images of the Shell Store in 2018 and in 2023**

**The Shell Store, Then in 2018**



**The Shell Store, now in 2023**



## **Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2023**

For the time being we are organising the Zoom events in the place of monthly meetings, on the same date and time.

As soon as we are able to re-establish the face-to-face meetings, they will be publicised in the Journal, on the website and also on social media.

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E-Mail: [normanp.price@live.co.uk](mailto:normanp.price@live.co.uk)

### **Future Zoom Meeting Dates.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker Details</b>
21st April	Angela Hodges Miss Chave's Diary
19th May	AGM and Film Stories from the Hop Yards
16th June	Jane Ashby For the love of China

All of the 2023 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website and you will then receive the Newsletter. To register, email [philbufton@hotmail.com](mailto:philbufton@hotmail.com) who will send you the registration link.

To get this notification register on the site here:  
**<https://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk/>**

**Bromyard & District Local History Society**

Meetings are held at the Conquest Theatre, Tenbury Road, Bromyard.

**Membership Secretary: Mr Alex Hoyle**

**B&DLHS, 5 Sherford Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire. HR7 4DL**

**E-mail: [bromyardhistory@btconnect.com](mailto:bromyardhistory@btconnect.com)      [www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.bromyardhistorysociety.org.uk)**

**Cradley Heritage Group**

Formed in 2004, the group is an active, hands-on group of people who undertake projects in co-operation with Malvern FHS.

**Fownhope Local History Group**

**Contact: Christopher Lansberry. Telephone no: 01432 860733.**

**Kington History Society**

c/o Kington Museum, Mill Street, Kington HR5 3AL The Kington library room is manned every Tuesday & Friday from 10am-4pm

**Leintwardine History Society**

**Contact: Mrs. Pam Hatherly, Roman Rise, High Street, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 OLB Telephone 01547 540306**

**Linton & District Local History Society**

**Contact: Mrs Lee Hines. Ford House, Ford Lane, Kilcot, Gloucs. GL18 1NW**

All meetings at Linton Village Hall

**Longtown Historical Society.**

**Contact: Dr Jeremy Davis. [jerrypdavis@outlook.com](mailto:jerrypdavis@outlook.com)**

**Weobley & District Local History Society**

**Weobley Museum, Back Lane, Weobley, Herefordshire. HR4 8SG.**

**Contact: Mr B. Holly. Little Orchard, Hereford Road, Weobley HR4 8SW**

Open April, May Jun: Mon & Tues 10 - 1;

July, Aug, Sept: Mon, Tues, Weds 10-1; Bank Holidays 10 - 4

**Woolhope Club**

**Contact: Mr D. Whitehead. 60, Hafod Road, Hereford. HR1 1SQ  
[davidwhitehead055@gmail.com](mailto:davidwhitehead055@gmail.com)**

Founded in 1851, The Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, covers the archaeology, history and the natural history of Herefordshire.

Also Archaeological Research Section & Natural History Section Membership £13-00 per year, Joint £15-00, Student £2-00

**Contact Addresses of Family History Societies  
surrounding Herefordshire**

**Midland Ancestor (formerly BMSGH)** (West Midland Group Member)

Sec: Mrs Jackie Cotterill, 5 Sanderling Court, Kidderminster, DY10 4TS

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/>

**Gloucestershire FHS**

Sec: Trish Gage, Family History Center, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester.  
GL1 3AH. [Secretary@gfhs.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@gfhs.org.uk)

[www.gfhs.org.uk](http://www.gfhs.org.uk)

**Gwent FHS**

Sec: Mrs N. Thomas, 11, Rosser Street, Waunfelin, Pontypool. NP4 6EA

[www.gwentfhs.info](http://www.gwentfhs.info)

**Montgomeryshire GS**

Sec: Mrs Monica Woosnam, 24 Dysart Terrace, Canal Road, Newtown, Powys,  
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<http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk/>

**Powys FHS**

[www.powysfhs.org.uk](http://www.powysfhs.org.uk)

Meetings held at Brecon BRE, Llanddewi Ystradenny RAD and Abermule MGY

Contact: [philbufton@hotmail.com](mailto:philbufton@hotmail.com)

**Shropshire FHS** (West Midland Group member)

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Email: [secretary@sfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sfhs.org.uk)

[www.sfhs.org.uk](http://www.sfhs.org.uk)

**Malvern Family History Society** (West Midland Group member)

Sec: Mrs Jean Evans

[secretary@mfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@mfhs.org.uk)

All meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Open at 7pm for a 7-30 start at Eden Church, Grovewood Road, Malvern. The meetings are also available by Zoom. We cover the whole of Worcestershire.

[www.mfhs.org.uk/](http://www.mfhs.org.uk/)

**FHF (Formerly called FFHS)** is an international organisation, established in the UK as a non-profit making charitable company. It represents, advises and supports over 200 family history societies and other genealogical organizations worldwide, with a combined membership of over 300,000.

[www.familyhistoryfederation.com](http://www.familyhistoryfederation.com)

See [www.fhswales.org.uk/](http://www.fhswales.org.uk/) for information on societies in Wales

## **Correspondence**

Any correspondence concerning the Journal should be addressed to the Editor. All other correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary. If you require a reply, please include a S.A.E.

### **Leominster Home Guard**

The Leominster Folk Museum has the original record of the World War II Home Guard membership for Leominster and surrounding villages.

The index can be consulted in the Herefordshire FHS library, available at the general meetings at the Kindle Centre, Hereford.

### **Herefordshire FHS Burial Index**

Society members have been indexing the burials from the registers and Bishop's Transcripts for some years.

The period 1813-1839 is now complete and available on CD.

Requests for look-up of specific surnames, including Pre-1813 burials, with first names and / or parish if the name is very popular to:

**NBI Co-ordinator - Linda Lloyd      [linda\\_lloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:linda_lloyd@btinternet.com)**

## **Help Wanted**

Researchers may publish enquiries in the "Help Wanted" section within the Journal. This service is free to members of the Society, but non-members are asked to make a donation to the Society with their enquiry.

### **Herefordshire Strays Index**

The Society holds a Strays Index, which is available for look-ups and which we invite additions to.

#### **So what is a Stray ?**

A stray is someone found in archives or documents out of their county of birth, in our case Herefordshire. This index is available via e-mail and by post from the Editor, searched by Surname.

**The Strays Index is available on the Members Area of the website along with other resources.**

**[www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk](http://www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk)**

## **Herefordshire Registrar Indexes**

The Herefordshire FHS has now had permission to publish all 3 of the Registrars indexes compiled by members of the society from the registers held by the Herefordshire Registrars of Births, Marriages & Deaths.

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