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From the Editor.....



I do hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

As mentioned last time, we are keen to welcome new people onto the Committee. We would particularly like to hear from younger members - we welcome fresh ideas.

All our Committee meetings are conducted via Zoom, so there is no requirement for you to live in or within striking distance of Hertfordshire.

If you would be interested in joining the Committee, please contact the Secretary on secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk to discuss further.

Subscriptions are due at the end of March. Please see Page 3 for how to pay your subscription online, or by more traditional methods.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey by using the QR code which was sent to you by email or reproduced on Page 5. Click on the QR code which will then open via the internet the multiple choice survey. You can use a computer, tablet or a smart phone. We are interested in your thoughts and suggestions for the future of Hertfordshire Family History Society.

Thank you to those who have sent in entries of the 2023 Competition with the theme of **Here for the Beer: Brewers, Maltsters and Publicans - my family connections**. We are encouraged by the number of entries and the Judges are in the process of evaluating them. We will be in touch with the results very soon with the winning entry appearing in the June issue.

If you have any really interesting or quirky family photographs with a Hertfordshire flavour do send them in for inclusion in Hertfordshire People. You don't have to have an article, a sentence or two about who is in the picture, their relationship to you, and why you like the photo are absolutely fine. I am especially interested in photos to go on the front cover. I like to have 'Hertfordshire People' be they on their own or in family groups.

I am always happy to receive your articles, snippets, research queries and Post Bag items either by e-mail, post or in person at a Woolmer Green - *your* contributions make *Hertfordshire People* the great journal that it is.

Jane

Subscriptions

Don't forget that Subscriptions are due at the beginning of March 2023.

The renewal form can be found in the middle of the Winter issue of *Hertfordshire People*. It is the yellow insert.

If you haven't done so yet, please send your remittance to me, the **Membership Secretary**:

**50 Chelwood Avenue
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or if you prefer, you can pay online. The instructions on how to do this are below.

Thank you!

Sue

Sue Jackson
Membership Secretary.

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And one reminder. If you have changed your postal address or your e-mail address, then let us know by e-mail to registrar@hertsfhs.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary.....

For details of in person and online events and lectures from The Society of Genealogists and Family History Societies and groups do check out the GENEVA website which is updated regularly - Geneva.weald.org.uk/doku.php



Check out Gresham College's free online talks - www.gresham.ac.uk

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talks programme.

New Publications

Keep an eye on our website for the announcement of new publications available very soon

M.I. vol. 27 – Aston - St Mary – a new re-write and reprint - price £6.

M.I. vol. 114 – Woolmer Green - St Michael & All Angels - price £6.

Also

Ruston, Alan *Nonconformity in Hertfordshire* - revised edition - price £7.

To order these publications by post, refer to the Society's website:
www.hertsfhs.org.uk

Secretary's Jottings

by Tracy Turner



Spring has sprung here in the Northern hemisphere and our regular talks return to Woolmer Green (but will also continue to be transmitted on Zoom). With another AGM approaching now seems a good time to look to the future and we are launching a simple online questionnaire (a paper copy will be sent to all members without an email address) to get a steer from members on what talks or activities you would like us to focus on in the future.

Please use the QR code or the web survey link to send us feedback and contribute to shaping the Society's future.



<https://tinyurl.com/39c4zerb>

The Society is your Society, and as a committee, we are here to bring your ideas and plans to fruition, whilst also adhering to Charity Commission legislation. We need more feedback from you on what you value, and what you don't. The growth of online platforms such as Ancestry, Find My Past, My Heritage, and the Genealogist, bring many valuable benefits to our hobby, but also challenges the relevance of family history societies into the future. We would love to have more feedback from you as members, and a greater understanding of your research challenges, otherwise we are just second-guessing what you would find useful. We would also particularly like to build on the engagement we now have with overseas members and would welcome any thoughts you might have on ways to do this. For our overseas members, would you like to have someone in your region to have more involvement with, particularly if you are a new researcher and want some guidance? If you are a more experienced researcher is this a role you would be willing to take on?

The society's committee now meets quarterly online so Trustees or committee members could be based anywhere in the world. Our committee could be more diverse, particularly in terms of age – as our make-up reflects the fact that people traditionally have tended to be more interested in family history as they get older. We want to actively

encourage more younger people into the Society and onto our committee. Do you have a younger family member who could be tempted to join us and step into a position?

We do particularly need people who could step up to be one of our charity trustees. At the moment our Trustee positions are Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and it would be sensible to start identifying people who could shadow the existing post holders with a view to stepping up in the future.

Could you make a good Trustee? It is vital that the Society recruits new Charity Trustees in the future to meet its objectives, so please consider whether you could take on one of these roles. If you would like a chat with myself or other Trustees, then in the first instance please email me at secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk. Taking on a Trustee role is also very useful if you are mid-career for many professions and want/need to demonstrate community involvement and responsibility.

At the moment we also need to recruit people to the committee with social media skills, minuting skills, talks organiser and it would also help to have someone who is familiar with online banking as we refresh our website and publication sales. Again do email for more information and a chat about what is involved.

Finally, I do like to pass on some useful new sites or projects and I'm really pleased to let you know about a new digital project from the University of Oxford called 'Their Finest Hour' which aims to preserve the stories and objects of World War 2. The project aims are to enable stories and digital scans of objects to be shared freely via an online archive. To do this the project is running 'Digital Collection Days' where WW2 stories and objects can be brought to be photographed or recorded and uploaded.

You can find more information at <https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk> or email the team responsible at theirfinesthour@ell.ox.ac.uk

Happy researching

Tracy
secretary@hertsfhs.org.uk

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Don't forget to write in!

Hertfordshire Family History Society

Please note the
45th Annual General Meeting
is to be held on Saturday 27 May
at 2.00pm via Zoom
and also in person at Woolmer Green Village Hall,
off Bridge Road, Woolmer Green, SG3 6XA.
(for those that wish to join the Zoom as a small group).

All members are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022 (circulated within *Hertfordshire People*, No 161, June 2022)
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Hoddesdon Group Report
7. Trustees Annual Report
8. Honorary Treasurer's Annual Report
9. Proposal for Acceptance of the Accounts
10. Resolution to Revoke the Membership Categories of the Society rules change agreed at the last AGM and continue with existing Family Membership rate
11. Elections of President and Vice Presidents
12. Election of Officers
13. Election of Committee
14. Appointment of Independent Examiner
15. Projects & Publications Report
16. Any Other Business

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members (please see Nomination Form in *Hertfordshire People*, No 163, December 2022) and items to be included under Any Other Business should be notified to the Hon. Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM.

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The AGM will be followed by our scheduled talk at 3.00pm

Never miss an online talk again!

As well as the links in the Members' Area of the website, Hertfordshire Family History Society now have an Eventbrite page where you can follow us and register for a free ticket for our talks and be sent the talk link automatically via Eventbrite -

www.eventbrite.co.uk

<https://eventbrite.co.uk/o/hertfordshire-family-history-society-33381283673>

If you have forgotten your password to the Members' Area

please contact the Registrar on registrar@hertsfh.org.uk

If any members have photographs of Hertfordshire ancestors they would like featured in *Hertfordshire People*, but perhaps haven't got enough information for an article, I would be delighted to include them. They can either feature on the cover, or within the pages.

I look forward to receiving emailed scans of your photos, with a short biography of the person, or people, in the photo. Please email me on editor@hertsfhs.org.uk

Editor



WANTED FACEBOOK VOLUNTEER

Hertfordshire FHS is looking for someone who is familiar with the workings of Facebook to help our coordinator with posting interesting items to the feed, answering queries from followers and news from Herts FHS regarding forthcoming talks.

Could this be you? Contact the Editor if interested.

OBITUARY

Ken Garner 1934-2022



Ken was born in Hitchin in May 1934. His childhood was spent in Preston and Childwickbury where his father worked. Ken went to school in St. Albans and when he left school, in his mid-teens he became an apprentice electrician.

In 1952, the National Service call up allowed Ken to apply to join the RAF and he was accepted on a three-year term where he could focus on electronics.

After his RAF service, Ken made a career in the electronics side of the aviation industry, which took him to various parts of the UK and overseas, including the USA.

When he was stationed near Saffron Walden, he met and courted Sheila and they were married in 1956. Their two children Alison and David were born in the early 1960s. They settled in St. Albans where, after raising their family, he was able to devote more time to his leisure activities of classical organ music, golf and family history.

Ken became a member of Herts. F.H.S. in November 1997 and was soon involved with the work of the committee. In September 1988, he proposed and chaired the setting up of a Computer Group intended to enable members to help each other resolve problems with their various FH programmes and to explore the internet for the latest resources. The early sessions took place at the church hall, just a few yards away from the Society's monthly meetings, which were then held at Digswell village hall. When we moved to Woolmer Green in 2002, the CG continued for several years with Ken giving encouragement as often as he could.

Ken took on the post of Secretary in the following summer for which he agreed to serve five years. By the Spring of 1999 he was assisting John Hill in the setting up of the Society's website. He then improved and completed Jack Parker's project of the Society's 3rd Special Publication – **Hertfordshire Settlement Certificates**. Ken also took on the co-ordination of volunteers for a **Herts. Index to the 1851 Census**. This was eventually published by Herts. F.H.S. as CD3 in 2005. He worked closely with Hertfordshire Archives on several projects, including the indexing of an early **Hearth Tax** for Hertfordshire, soon to be included in the University of Roehampton's searchable internet site.

As promised, Ken stood down as Secretary in 2003, but he was then persuaded to stand as Chairman and was duly elected in 2004. Again, he gave us fair warning that his term of office would be fixed - no more than 3 years. But he made excellent use of his term for us including leading a team which organised the Society's **30th Anniversary Open Day** in 2007. There were over 20 stalls from many Herts.-based organisations and a few national FH businesses, free research advice and several speakers. Local MP Grant

Shapps was invited to open the proceedings and was so impressed that he extended his scheduled ½ hour to over 2 hours.

Ken was also a Vice President of Herts. F.H.S.

After almost 60 years of happy marriage, Sheila died in 2016. Ken had one or two health issues which limited his golf at Wheathampstead, but he was able to spend some time on writing two autobiographical books for the interest of his family. Although he had no history of heart trouble, Ken suffered a cardiac arrest and sadly passed away on 28th November 2022.



Ken presented me with the certificate Hertfordshire Family History Society received from the Federation of Family History Societies' Elizabeth Simpson Award in 2014. This award was to encourage excellence in family history journals.

We were the Winner of the Medium Society category in these annual awards for the best genealogical journals.

Funnily enough Ken and I were also distantly connected through marriage of the **Darton** and **Garner** families in the Hitchin and Preston areas.

Editor

Postbag

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shire, SG7 6AQ
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The Brewing Trade in Baldock

Dear Jane

Just wanted to say that I found your article on 'The Brewing Trade in Baldock' most interesting. You had certainly put in a lot of research. It painted a picture of a thriving town with all its breweries and maltings.

My maternal family came from Baldock and my 4 X Grt grandfather, James **Cawdell**, was a cooper. He's in the Militia lists and I've recently found him taking on an apprentice in 1763. No doubt kept busy making barrels for all that beer.

Carol Wilson (HFHS 1406)

Than you Carol.

It is lovely when we receive positive feedback on the articles included in *Hertfordshire People*, even if this one was one of mine!

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[@Herts_FHS](https://twitter.com/Herts_FHS)

Do follow the accounts to keep in touch with the HFHS Talks programme, open to all, and posts relevant to local and family history with an emphasis on Hertfordshire.

You can post queries on Facebook too.

Characters

By Jane Tunesi of Liongam

In researching your family history, and speaking to your relations, there can be certain of your ancestors which are often brought up in the conversation, largely due to their character, whether bad or good, and for the memories and stories about them that your relations remember. Thus, I have knowledge of my great grandparents who died many years before I was born.

I am many years younger than my paternal cousins so they remember my grandfather, warts, and all, but none of us could remember our paternal grandmother's, be it his first wife, from whom I am descended and who died in 1917, or the second who died in 1924. They all remembered his third wife, 'The Duchess', a widow from down the street who he finally married in 1951.

My maternal Aunts told me stories of my two great grandmothers, Emma, and Kate.

Emma, my granddad's mother, was born on 10 July 1868 in Willian, Hertfordshire, the daughter of George and Emma **Moules** (née **Rook**). She was baptised at Willian on 15 December 1868. The Moules / Moles family were not very well off, and this meant that the family often moved about in search of seasonal work.



*Emma and the Moules clan.
Emma is 3rd from the left, top row.*

Emma married Harry **Morgan** on 25 December 1888 at St Mary's in Hitchin and the young couple then moved to Charlton, a hamlet near to Hitchin, where my grandfather was born in September 1889, and his younger brother in 1892.

Harry was a Labourer and Emma a Housewife in the 1891 Census of Willian. In the 1901 census they are still living in Charlton with Harry now being a Brewer's Drayman, with Emma of no occupation with the boys aged 11 and 9.

By 1911 the family make-up is the same, parents and 2 boys, but Harry is now a Mineral Water Maker at a Hotel.

The main story about Emma that has been passed down to me is that she was a marvellous cook and evidently worked as a Cook for the **Delme-Radcliffe** family at Hitchin Priory, withing walking distance of her home in Charlton.

In the 1939 Register she is living with Harry at No 12 Grove Road, Hitchin. Harry is a retired labourer OAP and Emma is 'unpaid domestic duties' the usual occupation for a housewife. Emma, by now a Widow, died on 6 January 1946 at Chalkdell Hospital in



12 Grove Road, centre, in 2023

Hitchin. The house in Grove Road was to be sold and proceeds split between her surviving son, my grandfather and my two eldest Aunts, Vi and Cissie – the disgruntlement about this bequest, by my Mum, and no doubt her other siblings, was still being voiced in the 1970s!

Emma is remembered fondly as a loving woman who endured the loss of her younger son in the First World War, and as a great cook.

taking place on 11 January 1946.

She is buried with Harry in Hitchin Cemetery in Grave W ex C.A., the funeral

My other maternal great grandmother, Kate, seemed to have been very much involved with her Morgan grandchildren. We have many photographs of her with them in the family collection. My cousins all remembered her with affection and with the memory of her rather fruity ‘sayings’ which were also passed down to me by my Mum. Kate and her husband Arthur lived in the same row of houses in Hitchin as her daughter Sarah (Sally), my grandmother, and her husband and family of 6 children.

Kate was born on 30 May 1865 in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, the daughter of George and Sarah **Cotton** (née **Muncey**). She married Arthur **Taylor** in 1892 in Hitchin. In the 1901 Census Arthur is a Wood Sawyer, with Kate being a Laundress ‘on her own account’. With the family are the children, my grandmother Sarah, and her brother Arthur Christopher, and ‘Auntie Daisy’, who was actually Arthur snr’s niece, who the couple brought up after her parents died.

In the 1911 census Kate and Arthur and family were living at No 4 Hitchin Hill Path. Kate is still a Laundress, but daughter Sarah and niece Daisy are described as ‘Assistant Laundress’ and employed by Kate. Arthur is a carpenter on the railway.



This was an abiding memory for my Mum of 4 generations. Alan Jeffrey, Babs Jeffrey, helping her grandmother with the washing – not only their own, but for others in the town too in her small hand laundry. Monday was always ‘wash day’, with ironing to follow. My mum always ironed everything. I love ironing, but I draw the line at underwear and socks! We have it much easier today. Gt Grandmother Kate had a huge copper, dolly¹ and mangle

with the hand irons having to be warmed up near the fire. No electricity!



No 5 & No 4 Hitchin Hill Path.

In the 1939 Register, Kate and Arthur are still living at Hitchin Hill Path, now it seems at No 8, with daughter Sarah and her family living at No 5, a house I remember well from when my granddad lived there. Arthur is a retired carpenter with Kate the usual 'unpaid domestic duties'.

The area around Hitchin Hill Path is now a conservation area².

Kate died on 17 May 1952 in Hitchin and was buried on 21 May 1952 at Hitchin Cemetery, Grave No NW ex 241, where she would be joined by Arthur in 1962.



The photo with both Gt-Grannies. My Auntie Cis's wedding - Emma Morgan, Mr Spicer, Mrs Spicer, Bernard Spicer, Arthur Taylor, Cis Spicer, Harry Morgan, Sally Morgan, Will Morgan and Kate Taylor.

My Great Grandmother Kate was a character and her 'fruity' sayings have been passed down in the family.

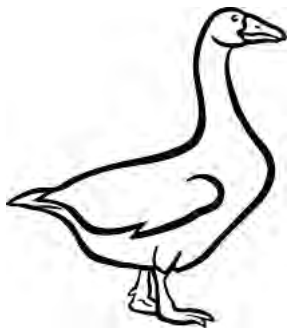
Are these a flavour of the common parlance in Hertfordshire of times gone by? Have you any similar sayings in your family which have been passed down? Do you still use them?

Hertfordshire folk always drop the H – so my family come from ‘Itchin in ‘Ar(t)fordshire.

‘Don’t throw your bonnet over the windmill’ – don’t act in a deranged, reckless, or unconventional manner.

‘A whinwan for a duck’s bridle’ – a whinwan is an old Hertfordshire word for something indescribable or for which the name is unknown.

‘In and out, like a f*rt in a colander’ – same meaning as ‘In and out, like a dog at a fair’ - not doing anything useful.



And the best one, which always makes me chuckle.....

‘I’ve ‘eard a goose f*rt afore’ – meaning you don’t believe someone.

She also used to call the sulphurous looking sky just before a thunderstorm ‘unkid’.

I do wish I had known these Great Grannies of mine – each full of character and Hertfordshire born and bred.

They both had only two children, which was unusual for the late 1880s -1890s, both worked to supplement the household income, and left their descendants with many memories which have been passed down.

Notes

1. Dolly – a wooden stirrer for the wash in the copper
2. https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hitchin_hill_path_conservation_area_character_statement-2.pdf

If you are interested in how people did the laundry in days gone by check out this website

<https://www.1900s.org.uk/1900s-washdays.htm>

Washday was always a Monday even in my Mum’s day, although we had a twin tub with the wooden washing ‘tongs’ to haul the wet things from one tub to the other. Blue bag was the norm too for the whites. A mangle was also a feature in both my parents homes, to squash the water out of the newly washed items, and also unwary fingers, as my Aunt Nellie told me. She had one ‘flat’ index finger courtesy of an argument with their mangle.

Editor

Old Keeper Mayling and his yarns

‘Old Keeper **Mayling** died, a very old man, sixty years ago. He was a great raconteur, and the little boys to whom he spun his yarns still remember his very words and gestures. The old keeper’s face was pocked with the blue marks of leadshot, and he would relate how he had come by them. ‘Them days,’ he would say, ‘them days there were a gang of chaps used to come out and get hares off of Gallus Hill (Gallows Hill). They’d spread themselves out in a line would these chaps and drive ‘em gentle up towards the Beacon. Well when they’d got ‘em just so far up they’d rap their knuckles on the gunbutts, like so - Rap-Rap. Then all the old hares’d sit up suddenlike to see what goin on, and they’d have ‘em agin the skyline and shoot ‘em down. Well I know’d some of this, but I didn’t know all. So I waits top of Beacon Hill. Suddenly I hears this Rap-Rap, so I pops my head up!

Gallus Hill; many’s the time I’ve heard the chains rattle and creak on Gallus Hill. But it did’n frighten me. They never do you no harm such as them. But I remember a young feller called **Groom** from St. Margarets. He wanted to put up the banns did this feller, and St. Margarets was in Edlesboro’ parish in them days. So off he sets after work to walk to Edlesboro’ to see parson. Well the time he comed to Gallus Hill twas get’n dark, and as he goo up the path he hears them old chains - Creak - Creak - Creak. There wasn’t no wind, and the gallus had been took down long afore. But there they goes - Creak - Creak, so he done no more he took to his heels and he went back ‘ome.

‘A rare part of the world that was, back of Hog Hall and them parts. One night as I was going down the path to Stratford’s Barns I met a chap in grey coming towards me. All in grey he was, and he brushed agin me arm, like that, and never said a word nor turned eye. The next night I see him again, so I thinks to myself “I’ll have word out o’ you”, so when he gets nigh I says “Your’re about late”. But on he went, so I turns to touch him. And he weren't there.

There were another time there as I see the queerest thing I ever see. There were six men in black coming up from Dagnall way, and they had summat in black on their shoulders, and there were others follering ‘em two and two and all as black as Newgate’s knocker. So I gets down by the hedge to watch. But on they comes, so near I could ha’ touched ‘em, and never a sound. Couldn’t even hear their feet fall, and it was a corpse as they carried, like they was going to bury it. They went right on till they come to the Barn, and all went in. I waited a bit, but I couldn’t hear nothing. I went and took a peek inside. And what do you think I see? Nothing. Not a sign of anything, They was all vanished.’

From: Bell, Vicars Little Gaddesden, the Story of a English Parish. Faber and Faber Ltd, 1949, pp.126-127 reproduced in Smith, James Coutts (comp) A Hertfordshire Sampler. Hertfordshire Publications, 1980, pp.86-87.

Pennyfather One-Name Study

I have been researching my family tree now over 30 years. I was beginning to feel the odd one out as there didn't seem anyone in the world who shared my hobby with the same passion. My wife often said I would take more of an interest in her when she's dead. I jest!.

My family tree grew as I carried out research, but it wasn't long before I hit the preverbal brick wall. Advice in family history magazines suggested this is a glass half full rather than the glass half empty. It being a good opportunity to check all your research and branch out laterally to get round the "Brick Wall". So, I started back right in the beginning checking my all my research, and that's where the fun started. There were many errors in my research where I assumed family links, but more importantly I couldn't check all the research as I made error number 2, YES, I did not record where the research came from. So I started back at square one, properly this time. I worked forward this time more thoroughly recording where each piece of research came from, in case I had to check again, and recording all **Pennyfather**'s just in case they came in useful later. Mistakes corrected, sources duly logged, yes I still ended up back at the same wall, but at least now my research was done properly. What now!

Experts advised now I should try and go round the wall. It could be possible to smash a brick wall that way. It was worth a try, and it would extend the family research. I followed all the various family lines I had come across. Due mainly to expense I stopped where female relatives married, unless I came across any information in censuses, the free BMD or parish registers. Guess what, back at the same wall, well in part! I now had a much larger family and quite a lot of Pennyfather information, mostly not related to any members of my direct proven family line(s) so far. Once it was one A4 folder, now it was five, or at least that's what I told the wife, the other 3 or 4 I must have forgot to tell the wife about!

Extending my research I had uncovered the fact that my direct line ancestor George Pennyfather was a widower when he married in Camberwell in 1819. I therefore started to look for his first wife and any children of that marriage. There was only one possible match for George. If true, he married Ann **Lawrence** in 1812 in Camberwell and there were two children from this marriage in baptised in Woolwich. Firstly Ann baptised in 1812, for which I have never found any more about her, her burial, marriage or similar. Secondly, Martha who was baptised in 1815, who I was able to follow.

Researching Martha I found several leads, whereby the matches were too much of a coincidence alone. Martha's father was named George, he was a blacksmith by trade, and Martha was living in the same rooms/house with the family in both the 1851 & 1861 censuses. Martha or her new family were also witnesses on several BMD certificates for family members. This had to be too much of a coincidence, Martha, and that meant George, had to be part of one and the same family.

It was about this time my research changed gear when out of the blue I received a most unexpected but most welcome telephone call from a fellow family tree researcher. I thought, this man must be as mad as me! He shared the same passion & interest in the Pennyfather family trees and wanted to share research to move forward. He worked in

London and managed to transcribe every Pennyfather and the numerous variants from the BMD Indexes 1837 - 2005. If any of you have been to a family records centre to go through the BMD indexes you will understand how much he brought to my research which I cannot thank him enough.

Till this point I had worked more or less on my own, collecting information for myself and using it for myself. Sharing such information was totally new to me I admit, what if you gave out everything and got nothing back?. He was there to show me that sharing reaps so many rewards, and thanks to all those over the years who have shared their information with me which has helped me so much. I wouldn't be where I am without all the help I have received.

This one step made so much difference to my family research. It was easier to be able to order certificates from the BMD Index knowing you would get the right certificates from the indexes as I found it very difficult with work to get to London even though its not that far for me. I put the indexes into an excel sheet, my preferred database, from which I could plot possibly match family lines, members, those born in the same areas, same wife's maiden name etc. My research as a result grew so much over the next few years and we shared research to progress both our Pennyfather lines knowing that one day we would be one big family.

He also produced a newsletter to those researching Pennyfather's for a short while. Through this newsletter I got in contact with Mandy, Mike & Sue, Peta, and Jack & Margaret. Together we shared our research and from that I was able to confirm my own findings, that we had come to the same conclusions/research, and able to complete family lines, particularly from where female members of the family married.

Despite all this help and shared knowledge I was still stuck at the same brick wall for over 21 years. The next stage was continuing on from research I had done with Mandy and from a new contact Robert from America who appeared to share the same family line as Mandy. It soon became clear that they did indeed share the same overall line but each had followed their own branches of the line, with some common ancestors. From my old records I dug out all family lines not linked to trees so far, rechecked old e-mails between members on the newsletter e-mailing list I found that they also shared that the same Pennyfather branch.

I was then able to follow on from their individual research, and combine it all together to make one clear Pennyfather branch which went back into parish records, i.e. beyond 1837. Researching parish registers I was able to go back to a Thomas Pennyfather baptised in 1815, but at that time I had no idea where any family members of Thomas were. Stuck again, time to move onto another Pennyfather line with the hope that one line of research will bring that eventual breakthrough.

With Trevor we were able to follow his Pennyfather line back into parish records, and again to an unknown parish area looking for a Richard Pennyfather. Things began to point to one family and thinking back to my direct line and earlier research bells started to ring loudly. George's first wife, if she was, (I haven't confirmed her burial, so could have been alive in 1819, although I now believe she died in 1815)) was Ann Lawrence and I already knew they were married in Camberwell. George's baptism was also around

this date 1780/1790. An urgent visit to London to check the Camberwell parish records and yes George had a brother Thomas baptised in the right time and even more so had a brother Richard also of the right time frame.

A break through at last!. George, Thomas and Richard were brothers and were all the same Pennyfather line. That line covers the research of Trevor, Mandy, Robert, Susan, Jan, Peta, Mike & Sue, Jack & Margaret, and others. I combined my research for these lines, but not my direct line at this time. Before I fully integrate my line I would like to confirm the burial for Ann Pennyfather, George's first wife and smash my brick wall. If only the Ann burial found stated "wife of George", George's Occupation "Smith or Blacksmith", Abode - "Spray Buildings Woolwich". I never seem to have such luck. You read in the magazines of others finding coroners reports, articles in newspapers about deaths, family bibles full of information, I am still waiting my turn to have such a find.

I must apologise to anyone who I have not mentioned, as there were many fellow researchers who helped in one way or another in my research, from my small beginnings, but can I thank everyone who has helped in any way with the work & help in researching Pennyfather's and all it's variants.

I have now taken over the Pennyfather name for the Guild Of One Name studies updating the Pennyfather website as part of "GOONS".

Dennis Pennyfather
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Looking Towards the Coronation

Do you have any recollections of the last Coronation in 1953?

I would be interested in featuring your memories of the occasion in the next issue of *Hertfordshire People*.

My Dad, his friends and some of his neighbours and their children, watched the Coronation on a television that he purchased specially for the occasion. Some members of the family travelled to London and joined the crowds to see the procession come down the Mall and see the Queen on the Buckingham Palace Balcony.

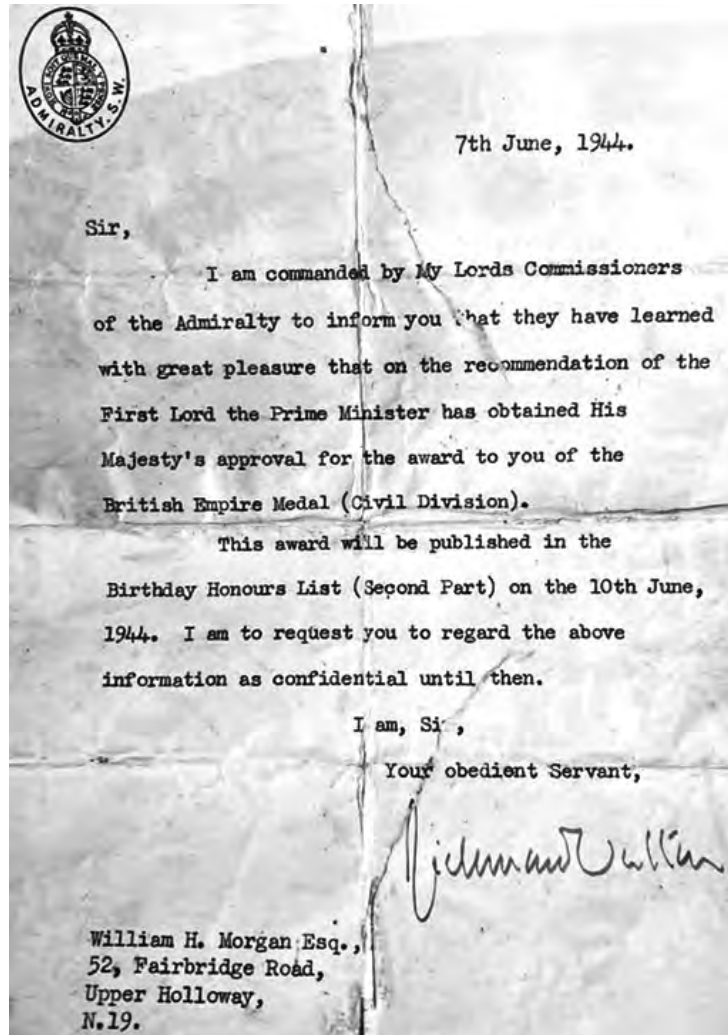
I wonder how different the Coronation in 2023 will be? The ancient ceremony at the heart of a Coronation of the anointing of a monarch will remain the same, but we are led to believe that there will be some modernising 'tweaks' in the ever evolving Service, Processions and celebrations.



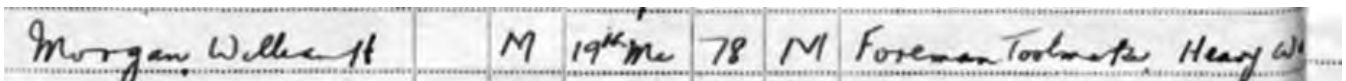
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British Empire Medal (Civil Division) awarded in 1944 on the recommendation of the Admiralty: An interesting research query

What had William **Morgan** done as a civilian which resulted in the First Lord of the Admiralty making the recommendation?



The sensible place to start was the Register of Civilians in 1939 which showed that he was living in Islington and working as a Foreman Toolmaker (heavy work) but where?



The 1921 census is very useful as it records 3 aspects about Occupation and Employment including asking for information about a previous employer even if the person was currently 'out of work'.

In this case the William Morgan was in employment. His Personal Occupation was the same: Toolmaker. The next two section stated that his employer was W M **Stills** at the location of 24 Charles Street in Hatton Garden.

OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT.		
Personal Occupation.	Employment.	Place of Work.
<p>State here the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, Service, &c. Where the occupation is connected with Trade or Manufacture, the reply should be sufficient to show the particular kind of Work done, stating, where applicable, the Material worked in, and the Article made or dealt in, if any.</p> <p>(If retired see Instruction 6; see also Instructions 3 to 11 and Examples.)</p>	<p>(1) If working for an employer state the name and business of present employer (person, firm, company or public body) or, if at present out of work, of last employer, adding "out of work." (2) If employing persons for purposes of business, write "Employer." (3) If working on own account and not employing persons for purposes of business, write "Own Account." (Note.—For Domestic Servants and others in private personal service, write "Private.") (See Instructions 3 to 8, 11, and Examples.)</p>	<p>Give the address of each person's place of work.</p> <p>For a person with no regular place of work write "No fixed place." If the work is carried on mainly at home, write "At home." (No entry is required for any person who is retired or out of work.)</p>
(k)	(l)	(m)
Toolmaker 265/6	W M Still 213	24 Charles St HA70 Hatton Garden

A very useful guide to history of companies is Grace's Guide.

Grace's Guide To British Industrial History

Registered UK Charity (No. 115342)



"Grace's Guide is the leading source of historical information on industry and manufacturing in Britain. This web publication contains 152,265 pages of information and 237,111 images on early companies, their products and the people who designed and built them."

That rapidly produced information: [www.gracesguide.co.uk/W. M. Still and Sons](http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/W._M._Still_and_Sons)

W. M. Still and Sons

of Greville Street, London

1874 Company founded.

1907 Private company.

1919 Sole Agents for Somerset, Devon and Cornwall were: The South Western Brass Foundry Ltd., of Mill Street, Plymouth.

1961 Manufacturers of commercial catering equipment, specialising in boiling water and tea and coffee making apparatus, hot cupboards, stainless steel tabling, self-service counterung etc., production and development of prototypes, sheet metal work, stampings and spinnings. Also manufacturers of food and beverage vending machines. 500 employees. ^[1]

By 1977 Was a subsidiary of UKO International^[2]



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An advertisement for the company at the right address seemed to be concentrating on equipment for kitchens and railway dining cars. Perhaps the Admiralty needed equipment for feeding their sailors? It seems more likely that the relevant area of the company's operation was **“production and development of prototypes, sheet metal work, stampings and spinnings”**. Another advertisement from Grace's Guide indicated a wider range of manufacturing.



Researching the 1944 Birthday Honours (BEM) on Wikipedia:

The **1944 King's Birthday Honours**, celebrating the official birthday of King George VI, were announced on 2 June 1944 for the United Kingdom and British Empire,^{[1][2]} New Zealand,^[3] and South Africa.^[4]

They included a large number of people awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM). The recipients of honours are displayed here as they were styled before their new honour, and arranged by honour, with classes (Knight, Knight Grand Cross, *etc.*) and then divisions (Military, Civil, *etc.*) as appropriate.

Listed in the Civil Division:

- William Howells Morgan, Foreman, Wm. Still & Sons Ltd.

This gave no indication of what exactly he was making as a toolmaker for W M Still that explains why he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

But he had been an experienced toolmaker for the company since at least 1921 and a Foreman toolmaker in 1939 and 1944. No other member of the company was awarded either a BEM in 1944 or any other award. So, he was probably responsible for making an important prototype for the navy hence the award from the Admiralty.

To round off the initial research required making sure that all the data was for the same person and adding some family history. The address on the letter was 52 Fairbridge

Road, Upper Holloway. But the address on the 1921 census return was different: 40 Calverley Grove.

In 1931 William Morgan's wife died. A year later Electoral Rolls show him living at the same address with 3 of his 4 children.

MORGAN Charlotte Jane of 40 Calverley-grove Islington **Middlesex** (wife of William Howells Morgan) died 1 May 1931 at London Temperance Hospital St. Pancras Middlesex Administration **London** 29 May to the said William Howells Morgan tool maker. Effects £141 11s. 10d.

By 1936 William had married a widow, Louise **White**, whose husband had died the previous year. His will stated his address as 52 Fairbridge Road.

WHITE Cecil Ernest Victor of 52 Fairbridge-road Upper Holloway **Middlesex** died 14 May 1935 at the Charing Cross Hospital Middlesex Administration **London** 2 July to Louise White widow. Effects £572 7s. 8d.

So, William Howells Morgan (1879-1964) had joined his second wife at her previous marital address and continued to work for W M Stills doing important work for the Admiralty during the second world war.

To discover more details the owner of the letter, who lives in Hertfordshire, will try contacting the current company.

Felicity Brimblecombe

From The Gentleman's Magazine.....

Deaths

2 March 1733. BLOOM, Thomas **Bloom**, Esq. of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

25 April 1733. BLUNDEL. Mr **Blundel** of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, formerly a wine merchant

25 March 1760. REYNOLDS. Rd. **Reynolds** Esq of Hoddesdon, Hants (sic)

30 December 1763. NASH. William **Nash** Esq at Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

24 May 1765. BERNEY. Lady **Berney** at Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

February (??) 1774. FRAMPTON. At Hoddesdon, in Hertfordshire, Peter **Frampton** Esq aged 107. He has a son now living, 84 years old.

12 November 1775. GRESHAM. John **Gresham** Esq, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

17 April 1783. PHILLIPSON. Christopher **Phillipson** of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

11 November 1783. MALLISON. At Hoddesdon, aged 91, William **Mallison** Esq



Queries from our Facebook Friends

An Indenture dated 1622 and a coincidence!

A recent request via Facebook came from America. Help was required transcribing an original document relating to their relative Sir Marmaduke **Rawdon**. Not something that could be undertaken easily!

The request came with some background details about their great grandfather, Ernest **Dear**, who emigrated to America in 1884 aged 17. Many other letters and documents from family members are in the process of being transcribed.



Ernest's mother was Alice **Wyman**. I have Wyman in my family history. Not expecting a connection, I checked my tree. There was Alice, born in Little Hornead in 1828, to Francis Wyman and his wife Mary (née Wyman). Alice's parents were second cousins and their marriage is recorded in Herts Names Online:

Who were these second cousins?	Groom	Bride	Parish	Source	Date
	Francis Wyman	Mary Wyman	Little Hornead	marriage register	23 Oct 1823

- Francis Wyman: son of Richard Wyman and his wife Hannah **Pennyfather**. [There is an article about the surname Pennyfather in this journal]
- Mary Wyman: daughter of another Francis Wyman and his wife Alice **Westcoat**.

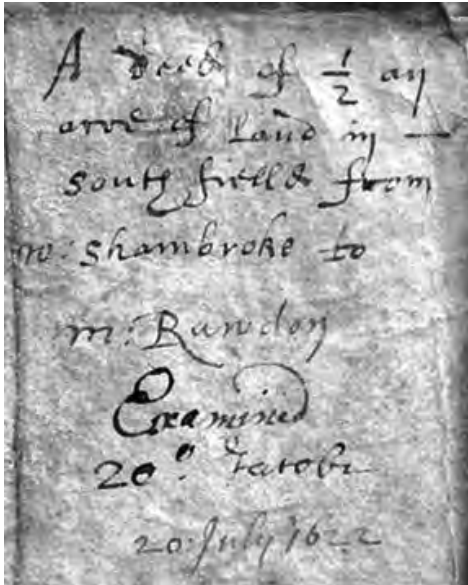


In the preceding generation the common ancestors were Francis Wyman (1731-94) and Elizabeth née **Warwick** (1730-98). Their large tomb is in Braughing church yard (details in entry 13 in the HFHS MI publication for Braughing).

Wyman family history gets more complicated: 2 of Ernest Dear's sisters married 2 Wyman brothers. Those 2 sisters and their husbands then emigrated to New Zealand.

That New Zealand connection was the reason for the request to translate the indenture. A visit was imminent, from America to New Zealand, to meet the descendants of Ernest's 2 sisters.

More details of Alice Wyman's family were provided before the travellers set off for New Zealand. This had been researched by my father, myself and Julia (my 4th cousin). Our connection goes back to our **Merchant** family (in Westmill and Braughing) who married with the Wyman family on several occasions in the early 18th century.



Julia is good at transcribing old documents and very rapidly provided a transcript of the Indenture which can be found at the end of this article.

A deed of 1/2 an
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south field from
w: shambroke to
m: Rawdon
Examined
20 Jacobi [Regnal years reign of
James 1]
20 July 1622

The main points from the 35 lines of the manuscript are:

*“This Indenture made the Twenty daye of Julye Betweene William **Shambooke** of Hoddesdon in the Countye of Hartford Yeoman on the one partie And Marmaduke **Rawdon** of London Esquier, on the other partie ffor the some [sum] of Tenne pounds*

*One halfacre of Arrable lande be it more or lesse nowe or late in the tenure or occupat [ion] of the saide William Shambrooke, situate lyeing and being in south feild in Hoddesdon in the parrishe of Broxbourne in the countye of Hartford aforesaide, abutting on the new River there East. Upon the lands of michell **Robbson** on the west. On the land of the saide Marmaduke Rawdon Southe. And the lands nowe in the Use and ocupacion of widowe Marth [Martha]”*

What is the Rawdon connection to the Dear family? A Rawdon marries into the Dear family several generations further back in the ancestry. The exact details of the link should be confirmed now that the researcher has returned to America, from their successful visit to New Zealand, and more letters and document are transcribed.

Is anyone else researching Rawdon or Dear?

Transcription of the Indenture

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(No.17) No.I

This Indenture made the Twenty daye of Julye A[*Anno Domini*] And in the Twentieth yeare of the reigne of oure Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God, King of England, [*ff equivalent of capital F*] ffrance and Ireland, Defender of the faithe And of Scotland the ffive and ffistith. [*James was first King James of England and the sixth King James of Scotland*] Betweene **William Shambooke of Hoddesdon in the Countye of Hartford Yeoman** on the one partie And **Marmaduke Rawdon of London Esquier**, on the other partie Witnesseth that the said **William Shambroke** ffor and in consideracon [*consideration*] of the some [*sum*] of **Tenne pounds** of lawfull money of England to him in hande at th'ensealeing and deliverye hereof by the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** well and truely paide, the receipt whereof he doth acknowledge and therewith holdeth himself fully satisfied. Hath bargayned, solde, given, graunted, and confirmed, and by theis pro[*fi*]ts doth for him his heires and assigneis fully cleerely and absolutely, bargayne, sell, give, graunte, and confirme, unto the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires and assigneis forever. **One halfacre of Arrable lande** be it more or lesse nowe or late in the tenure or occupat[*ion*] of the saide **William Shambrooke**, situate lyeing and being in **south feild in Hoddesdon in the parrishe of Broxbourne in the countye of Hartford aforesaide, abutting on the new River there East. Upon the lands of michell Robbson on the west. On the land of the saide Marmaduke Rawdon Southe. And the lands nowe in the Use and ocupacion of Hawes widowe Marth** [*Martha*]. And also the Revercon [*reversion*] and Revercons of the saide halfe acre of lande with the appurtenances and every parte and parcell thereof. To have, holde and enjoye, the aforesaide halfe acre of arrable lande, and the Revercon and Revercons thereof with the appurtenances above bargayned and sode, [*sold*] unto the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires and assigneis, to the onely and proper use and behouffe of the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires and assigneis forever. To be holden of the Cheife Lord or Lords of the ffee or ffees of the premisses by the rents and servces [*services*] therefore due and of right accustomed. And the saide **William Shambrooke** for him, his heires executors and administrators, doth covenant and graunte, to and with the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires and assigneis by theis pro[*fi*]ts in manner and forme followinge, that is to saie That he the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires and assigneis, Shall and maye from henceforth will lawfully peaceably and quietly, have, holde, occupie, possesse and enioye [*enjoy*] All the said halfe acre of lande with the appurtenances and other the premisses above by theis pro[*fi*]ts bargayned and sode [*sold*] Aswell withoute any lett, expulcon [*expulsion*] eviccon [*eviction*], molestacon [*molestation*] or other disturbaunce, by, of, or by meanes of the said **William Shambrooke** his heires or assigneis, or any of them or any other person or persons whatsoever which doe, shall or maye lawfully clayme or pretend to have any manner of estate, title, interest or possession by from, under, or by meanes of

the saide **William Shambrooke** of his heires or any of them. As also, free and cleenely acquitted and discharged, Of and from all former bargaynes, sales, guifts, grauntes, leasses, Joynetures, Dowers, fines, extents and of and from all other titles, troubles, costs, charges and incombraunces whatsoever, had made committed or done before th'ensealeing and deliverye of theis pro[]ts (excepte the rents and services which hereafter shall growe due to be paide to the Cheife Lord or Lords of the ffee or ffees of the premisses) And further, that he the saide **William Shambrooke**, his heires and assigneis, Shall and will at all and every time and times hereafter and from tyme to tyme, upon all and every reasonable request or requests therefore to be made by the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires or assigneis, and at his or their proper costs and charges in the lawe, make, doe, saye, knowledge, and execute, and cause and suffer to be made done knowledged and executed, all and every such further lawfull act and acts, thinge and thinges, Deeds, Devises and assuraunces in the lawe for the further, more Perfect and better assuraunces and suremaking of all and singular the presmisses as is aforesaide to the said **Marmaduke Rawdon** and his heires to the use and behouffe abovesaide forever. As by the saide **Marmaduke Rawdon** his heires or assigneis, or his or their learned Counsell in the lawe, and at his and their costs and charges shalbe devised, or advised and required In witness, whereof, the parties aforesaide, to theis pro[]ts, Indentures, interchangeablye have sett their hands and Seales, The daye and years firste above written

The marke x of **William Shambrook**

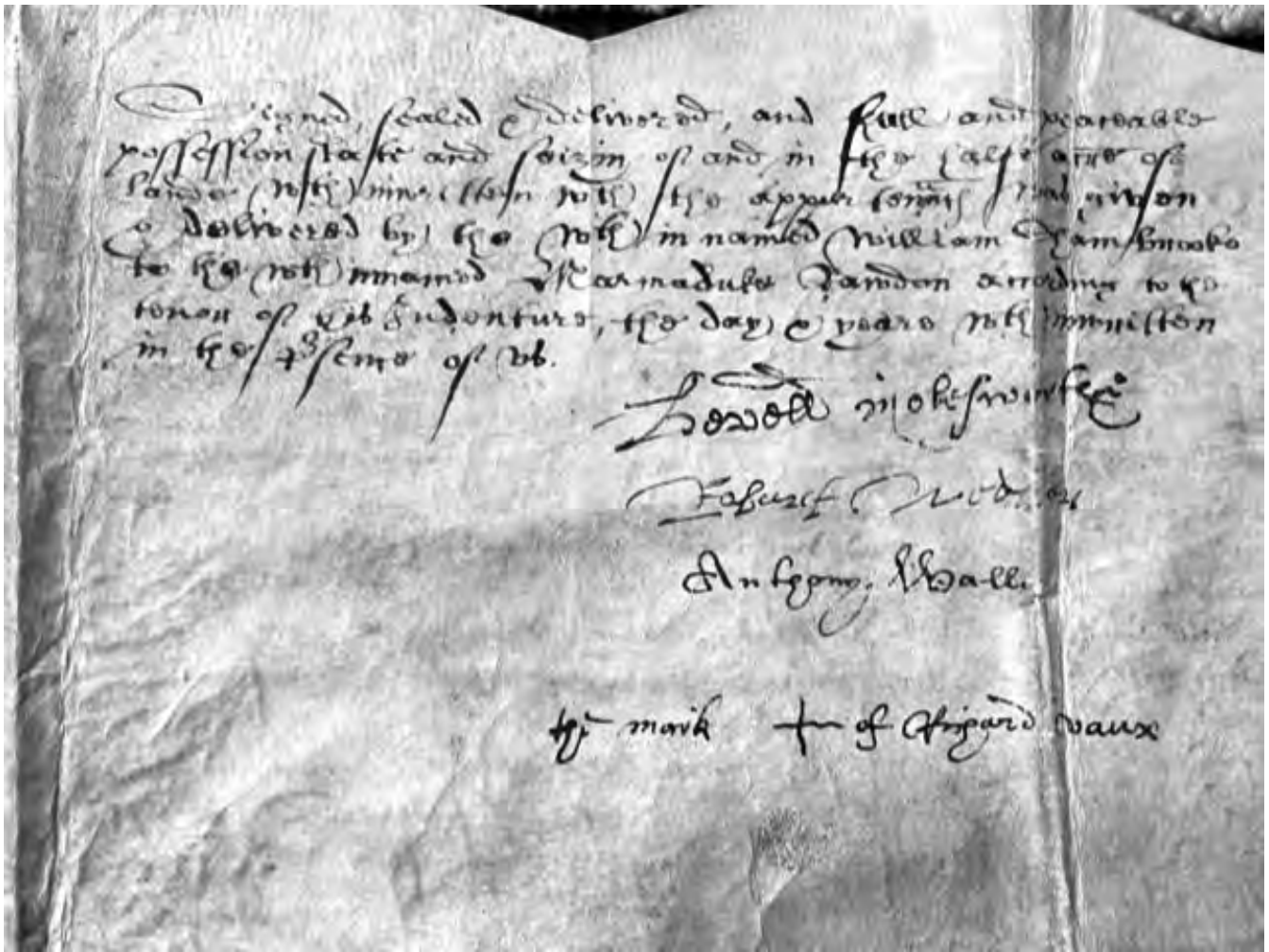
Signed, sealed and delivered, and full and peaceable possession state and seizin of and in the **halfe acre of lande withinwritten with the appurtenances was given and delivered by the within named William Shambrooke to the withinnamed Marmaduke Rawdon** according to the tenen of this Indenture the day and yeare within written in the presence of us

Howell Molesworth

Robert Wedler [*Medler?*]

Anthony Wallis

The mark + of **Richard Vaux**



Indentures

An indenture was originally a document, usually on vellum, which was cut into two pieces. The authenticity of one piece being proved when matched with another.

The contents of the document were written twice, above and below a given word or phrase from the text.

A indented or wavy cut was then made through this word or phrase.

In very early times indentures were used for Wills and later for contracts, title deeds etc.

The word Indenture has now come to be more associated with apprentices, articles or leases.

What's new at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies?

By Sheila White

Online Catalogue

A photograph album containing 125 postcards of Shenley c1890 - c1989 and photographic images of St Albans, Hertford, Buntingford, Watford, Bishops Stortford, Therfield and Stevenage, 1975 – 1995, taken by a Mr Jones, have recently been catalogued by HALS volunteers. Descriptions of the photographs can be found in HALS online catalogue:

DE/X1191: Postcard album of Shenley

DE/X1197: Photographic images (35mm slides) of St Albans, Hertford, Buntingford, Watford, Bishops Stortford, Therfield and Stevenage, by Mr Jones

Herts Memories – a community history website run by local volunteers and hosted by Hertfordshire County Council. The content is contributed by members of the public and volunteers. Recent additions include more details of almshouses in **Watford, Hitchin** and **St Albans** and the story of the ‘**Brocket Babes**’ – babies born at Brocket Hall, near Lemsford, when it served as a maternity hospital during WWII.

1921 Census free to view - The 1921 Census is now free to view at HALS and Hertfordshire Libraries through Findmypast.

Events at HALS

Getting started at HALS: a free tour/workshop where you will be shown how to access HALS' collections using indexes and catalogues. Find out to handle material in a variety of formats. **Booking essential:** online or see contact details below.

Friday 10 March 2023, 11:00am for one hour

Thursday 13 April 2023, 2:00pm for one hour

Tuesday 9 May 2023, 2:00pm for one hour

Thursday 15 June 2023, 11:00am for one hour

Contact details for HALS

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Friday	9am – 12.30pm
Saturday	10am – 2pm
First and third	Saturdays of the month only and only by appointment
Sunday	Closed

Useful links

www.findmypast.co.uk Hertfordshire parish registers, school logbooks, historic newspapers & the 1939 National Register searchable online (subscription site, normally free to use at HALS and Hertfordshire libraries)

www.thegenealogist.co.uk Hertfordshire tithe maps and apportionments searchable online (subscription site)

www.workhouses.org.uk the story of the workhouse with information about workhouses in Hertfordshire and across the country

www.hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk Genealogy in Hertfordshire

www.hertsmemories.org.uk history, memories and photos of Hertfordshire

www.halh.org.uk Hertfordshire Association for Local History, with links to local history societies' websites. Details of free online local history talks can be found on the home page.

www.hertspastpolicing.org.uk Herts Past Policing: crime and policing in Hertfordshire through the ages

www.hertsatwar.co.uk Community led project to commemorate the diverse experiences of Hertfordshire during WW1

www.prisonhistory.org Database of prisons, prison records and lock-ups in England, searchable by county

maps.nls.uk/os Historic Ordnance Survey maps, including of Hertfordshire, at the National Library of Scotland

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk The National Archives (TNA)
The National Archives at Kew re-opened on 27 April by appointment only; more on their website. Downloadable files are still being available at no charge (usually £3.50). These include PCC wills, navy and marine records, New Poor Law correspondence (Bishops Stortford Poor Law Union only for Herts) and title deeds.

From The Gentleman's Magazine.....

March 1752

At the last Hertford Assizes, Charles **Smith** was condemned for the murder of his own son, a youth of about 17 years of age, whom he stabbed in his bed in many places of his body, swearing at the time he's have his heart's blood.

At the same assizes were condemned Thomas **Hurry** and Alice **Andrews** (who lived as wife to Hurry) for the murder of his own daughter by repeated acts of torture.

22 March 1769

A pretended clergyman, for attempting to commit a rape upon a child under ten years of age, was tried at Hertford assizes, convicted, and sentenced to be imprisoned six months to stand twice in the pillory during that time, and to find security for his good behaviour for one year.

March 1783

At Hertford assizes, one **Hemmings**, a noted footpad, whose father was shot when he was taken, and his elder brother made his escape, received sentence of death. This family had long been the terror of that part of the country.

4 March 1800

Hertford. The assizes finished here this day, when W. **Criswell** and James **Burgess** received sentence of death for a burglary in the dwelling house of Nathaniel **Camp**. It appeared on the trial, that the prosecutor Camp, an old man, with his wife, resided in a cottage near half a mile from Stansted [Abbot's?]; that it was generally understood about the country, that he had acquired money, which he kept in his house, which is supposed to have been the reason that induced the prisoners to select him to make their prey of; and accordingly on the night of December 19, when he and his wife were in bed, they broke into the house, knocked him down with a large ashen stick, and cut him with a knife on the neck, and across the calves of his legs; they also cut his wife through her stays and shift to her skin, and in the neck, threatening, with the most horrid imprecations, to finish them by cutting their throats, if they did not discover where the money was; and after searching the whole house without finding any money, took some spoons and other things, and set the old man in a chair telling him he might sit and bleed to death. They were ordered to be executed near the spot where the offence was committed, which was accordingly done, on Friday 13th, amidst the greatest concourse of people ever assembled in the county, except at an election; the lane, being narrow, was entirely filled. The criminals behaved in the most daring and abandoned manner. Criswell, who was a native of Hoddesdon, was of gigantic and savage appearance, always armed with a bill, and ready for every desperate action, and it was found necessary to chain him by the arm in his cell after conviction. Burgess was born in Ware. The wife of the prosecutor had the fairest opportunity of knowing the persons of both by the clear light of the moon, which came into the room by two opposite windows, so the trial was short.



Research Queries

Are you stuck? Don't forget you can still call on the help of fellow members.

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Barker

I would love some help with a frustrating brickwall of decades please. I am hopeful that someone would be able to shed some light.

The family's surname is **Barker**, they are my maternal grandfathers line.

According to census records, they come from Hertfordshire, (Wheathampstead, Welwyn, Royston) but the problem is that I can never find any official records of them at all with birth, baptism, marriage and death. There's only "Ancestry Select" sources which are literally impossible to see.

This is what I have:

Joseph **Barker**: born abt 1760, England, married: 20 Jun 1777, Sandridge, Hertfordshire to Mary **Floyd**. Source, Ancestry select.

Joseph **Barker** born: 31 July 1784, Hertfordshire, source Ancestry select. Baptism: 22 Aug 1784, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, source Ancestry Select Marriage: 16 Dec 1805 Welwyn Hertfordshire to Elizabeth their son was

Joseph Barker born 1807 Baldock Hertfordshire

Baptism: 15 May 1897, Baldock Hertfordshire. Sources, Ancestry select and the 1851 census.

Married: Mary Anne **Butler**, 23 Oct 1825, Royston Hertfordshire. Source, Ancestry select marriages.

so there are no official documents/ records to be found anywhere. I can't find any siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins etc.

The final Joseph Barker and Mary there, shown on census records, moved to London and he was a dentist which his sons (Joseph, Charles, William and Edward) all ended up being as well. But again, there's no education papertrail.

Would anyone know where I can find records online that are accessible?

Kind regards
Sariah Barker
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Puddefoot

I am just beginning the process of researching a biography of the famous footballer Syd **Puddefoot**, whose grandfather Giles Puddefoot was born in 1829 at Bovington Green, and who was farming 45 acres at Marchmont Farm, Hemel Hempstead in 1881.

Do any members know anything about Giles, Marchmont Farm or anything else that might help me fill in some of the background on Syd's grandad?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Morris
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Society Talks

Reports on main meetings

December 2022

The Ghostly and Unexplained presented by Peter Lawrence.

The long winter evenings have always been a time when families gather around the fire to swap stories. Tales of the ghostly and unexplained have been high on the list. Our speaker regaled the enraptured zoom audience with a selection of unexplained feelings, sightings and experiences from around London and the surrounding countryside.

There are several books regarding ghostly encounters in Hertfordshire that I would recommend to anyone who is interested in this genre.

O'Dell, Damien *Paranormal Hertfordshire*. Amberley Publishing, 2009

Puttick, Betty *Ghosts of Hertfordshire*. Countryside Books, 1994

Pigram, Ron *Strange Happenings in Hitchin and North Herts being an account of local UFO's, ghosts, arson, railway accidents, crime & punishment, Victorian electioneering and carnivals*. Ron Pigram, 1978

Stratton, Ruth & Cornell, Nicholas *Haunted Hertfordshire: A Ghostly Gazetteer*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015

Westwood, Jennifer *Gothick Hertfordshire*. Shire Publications, 1989

There are of course other 'ghost books' with sections on Hertfordshire hauntings, there are Ghost Tours in some Hertfordshire towns and you may have family tales.

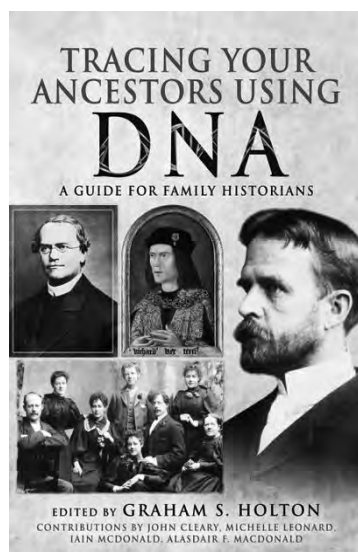
There is also a great section in the Hertfordshire Memories website (www.hertsmemories.org.uk) if you wish to find out more about strange happenings in your part of Hertfordshire.

The famous 'ghost photo' taken at Minsden Chapel, near Hitchin by T.W. Latchmore.

Latchmore later admitted it was a fake, but the tales of ghostly monks, clanging bells and music heard in the dead of night persist, especially on All Hallows Eve.



Book Reviews.....



Holton, Graham S (ed) and contributors *Tracing Your Ancestors Using DNA: A Guide for Family and Local Historians*. Pen and Sword Books Ltd, 2019. ISBN 978 1 52673 309 2 £14.99. This is a new December 2022 release of a book first published in 2019.

‘The book contains both practical guidance and broader discussion, and this may affect how you use it. If your priority is to gain a working knowledge of the types of DNA tests available, the results from these and how to interpret them, you can access this in the core chapters of the book, chapters 4–6, dealing with autosomal, Y and mitochondrial DNA testing.... you will find important pointers on what to look for in choosing companies to test with in Chapter 7 and information on the scientific basis of the tests, which is helpful to understand, in Chapter 3. If you have particular concerns about questions of ethics and privacy or are planning to encourage others to take a DNA test, Chapter 2 is the place to go for an informative and thought-provoking look at this important aspect.’

In addition to the above the book also looks at DNA projects to advance your research, and how the use of different types of DNA tests helps answer different research questions. Graham Holton has brought together a range of contributors who address many of the key issues in genetic genealogy research. If you have recently taken the free Future Learn course ‘Genetic Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree Using DNA’ you will recognise much of the content of the book as Graham Holton and contributor Alasdair Macdonald lead the online module. This book, therefore, is a handy and valuable guide to use to accompany the online course or to take away as a useful prompt or refresher. The ethical and legal aspects covered are particularly useful if you manage kits for other family members.

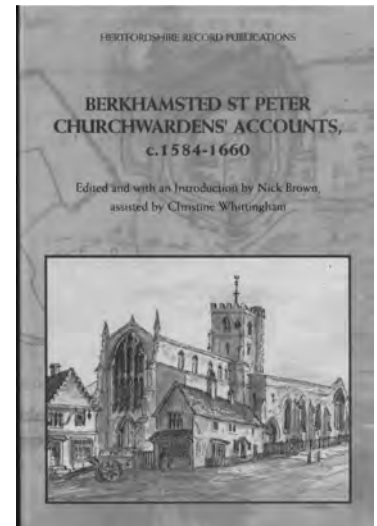
The book also covers many of the special online tools available to genetic genealogists and explains all the technical terms and differences between tests in a very clear and straightforward way. Case studies in the text allow the reader to get practical support whilst working through examples. Finally, there is a comprehensive glossary and suggestions for further reading to supplement the chapters.

This is a brilliant guide that is a bargain for both those new to genetic genealogical research and those who have dipped their feet in the water but want to swim a few lengths. *TT*

Brown, Nicholas & Whittingham, Christine (eds) *Berkhamsted St Peter Churchwarden's Accounts c. 1584-1660*. Hertfordshire Record Society, Vol XXXVIII, 2023. ISBN: 978-0-9501741-5-0. £22.00 + £3.50 p & p. [Members price £17.50]

This is the latest publication by the Hertfordshire Record Society. For anyone, particularly those with ancestors in the area, it is a treasure trove. The records start only fifty years after the Church of England was established. They go through the last twenty years of the reign of Elizabeth I, through the early Stuarts and into the Commonwealth under Oliver Cromwell.

Original spelling has been retained, thus we read of payment :
'for a byll of Regyster of maryadge' 6d.



The accounts, in their original are pre-decimalisation. This means 20 shillings to the pound and twelve pence to a shilling.

Richard **Lawrence**, in 1623, *'payed 6/8d. for his father's grave'*. This is one third of a pound.

Churchwardens' accounts, in any parish, should not be ignored. They are a wealth of information giving details of money paid out to apprentice poor children, or payments to the poor and needy. What makes these accounts special is that Berkhamsted was rebuilding its church. To fund this they raised a tax on people owning land.

In 1613 the charge was 4d an acre. Everyone in the parish who paid is listed from Francis **Wetheryd** (gent) £2.11.0d. to Nicolas **Oxley** 6d. Thus it can be deduced that Francis Wetheryd held in excess of 150 acres while Nicolas Oxley's holding was 1½ acres.

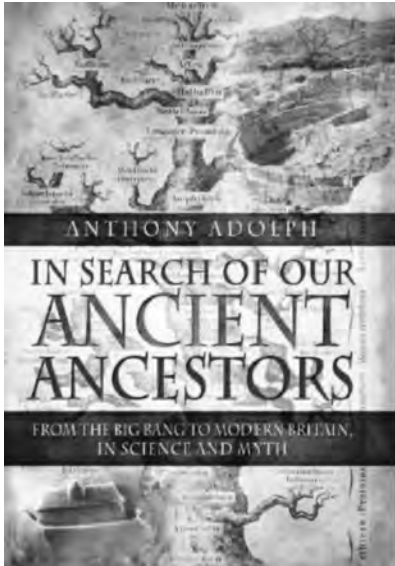
It is also possible to find the names of the people working on the repairs and refurbishment to the church:- *to James **Dufrayne** for mackyng the clerks seate 1/8d.*

Berkhamsted also owned houses and shops in the town which they rented out. Receipts of rents are included with the names of the tenants.

*1605: received of William **Edlyn** for rent of his shopp 12 shillings.*

The introduction by Nick Brown is very detailed, explaining much about the background to this volume. There are good maps of the area with details of place names. Farm and field names are given in the appendix as well as a glossary of more unusual spellings.

Hertfordshire Family History Society has a complete set of Record Society publications. At the moment these are kept in our store at Stevenage. We do not have the facilities to bring them to every Woolmer Green meeting. It might be possible to order one, it to be brought the following month. See me at the meeting. *Janet Pearson*



Adolph, Anthony *In Search of our Ancient Ancestors: From the Big Bang to Modern Britain, in Science & Myth*. Pen and Sword, 2015

Hesiod, a near contemporary of Homer, in his *Theogony* reworked much ancient mythology around a strong central structure of a genealogical tree; his continuous narrative started with the birth of Gaia, Mother Earth, out of a primal chasm at the beginning of the World. Like all genealogists Hesiod's desire was to understand who he was and where he came from. The old mythological view on our origins has now been replaced by new scientific theories, but the dialogue continues.

This book has five sections that take the reader through the evolution of the species 'from single celled organisms to sea dwelling vertebrates, amphibians to reptiles, tiny mammals to primitive man, the Homo sapiens to the cave painters of Ice Age Europe to and the first farmers down to the Norman Conquest'. A 40,000 year quest to discover our roots from ancient origin myths to the scientific discovery of our descent from Genetic Adam and Mitochondrial Eve.

Before science came along to tell us otherwise, origin myths were the only information available for our ancestors concerning what happened in the distant past and how the world came to be. This was pondered over, dissected, analysed and interrogated for any traces of possible truths of our origins. Oral traditions and ancient texts often tell of the origins of the world and humankind. Most world religions have a Origin myths and a Great Flood. King Lists and even the Bible have much genealogical information. How many of us have tried to compile family trees using the Books of the Old Testament?

The final section is perhaps more for the genealogist where genetic testing to see where you fit into the bigger picture is discussed with the example of the British Royal family used to show how genetics works. 'By writing a narrative pedigree for yourself you will see clearly how you fit into the great family tree of humanity which connects us all back to the greater family tree of life on earth.'

A thought provoking book and one which all genealogists should read It has many pertinent illustrations, index and bibliography. *JT*

A Hertfordshire Heraldic Miscellany

By John J. Tunesi of Liongam, MSc, FSA Scot, Hon FHS, QG

61) The Arms of Sir Marmaduke Rawdon, of Rawdon House, Hoddesdon, Co. Hertfordshire.

Although Sir Marmaduke **Rawdon** (born 1583 baptised 20th March 1583 died 28th April 1646) was originally of Yorkshire stock, he settled in Hertfordshire upon his marriage to Elizabeth **Thorowgood** in 1611.

At that time he was resident within the Parish of All Hallows Barking in the City of London (this is church situated to the west of the Tower of London. It is also known as All Hallows-by-the-Tower). The 'Barking' element of the church's name refers to the fact that it at one time belonged to Barking Abbey, a wealthy Benedictine nunnery situated at Barking in the County of Essex up until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539.

From the extant records Marmaduke is thought to have been a younger son of Ralph **Rawdon**, of Rawden Brandesby in the County of Yorkshire by his wife Jane **Brice**, the daughter of John Brice, of Stillington in the same county. Being a younger son in 1599, Marmaduke was sent off to the City of London like many a young man at the time to find his way in life.

Upon arriving in London, he was indentured to Daniel **Hall**, a Bordeaux merchant whereupon Mr Hall packed Marmaduke off to France to act his factor undoubtedly charged with seeking out fine wines to import back to England.

Such wines would be sold at a handsome profit to serve at the tables of the great and the good within the City and elsewhere –

perhaps, we may venture at the tables of the King's court as well?

Upon his return, to both England and the City in 1610, Marmaduke must have been well placed in fortune and rank for he was elected to the Court of Common Council, the governing body of the City of London. Shortly thereafter he became a Freeman of the Clothworkers' Company, one the Livery Companies of the City, eventually becoming Master of the Company in 1642.

From 1610, he more than likely had the confidence to strike out on his own account in business or at the very least went into partnership with others and became a merchant adventurer. One of his first ventures was the sending out of two ships to the New England coast as he had a deep interest in the possible discovery of the Northwest Passage.

Further ventures followed. Marmaduke was one the first to settle upon the Island of Barbados in the West Indies, where it is said that he invested some £10,000 and lost same in the venture. He also pursued various other business ventures once again in the West Indies and further afield in Spain, Turkey, and the Canary Islands. With his deep connection with the City of London, Marmaduke was appointed as a Captain of one of the City's Trained Bands as well as being an active member of the Honourable Artillery Company.

With all his business dealings in the City and elsewhere as well as his duties as a member of the Clothworkers' Company and his commanding his trained band he also managed to find time to build Rawdon House, his and Elizabeth's home at Hoddesdon.

On occasion he had brushes with authority, one such being that he was accused either setting up or was a member of a cartel to monopolise the wine trade of the City of London in 1626. Some two years later he was elected to be the Member of Parliament for Aldeburgh in 1628, but served for about a year.

During the First English Civil War, Marmaduke fought for the King and raised a regiment at his own expense and cost and took part in the defence of Basing House in 1643.

On the 28th December of the same year the King was pleased to knight him. In 1645 he was appointed as the Governor of Faringdon in Berkshire, where he died on 28 April 1646.

Sir Marmaduke bore the following armorial bearings:

Arms: Argent on a fess gules between three pheons sable a lion passant or

Crest: Upon a mount vert a griffin sejant or

These arms and crest were exemplified to Sir Marmaduke under the hand and seal of William **Camden**, Clarenceux King of Arms on the 20th September 1618.

They were recorded in the Heralds' Visitation of the City of London in the 1633, together with a three generation pedigree headed by this father, Rafe Rawson and noting Marmaduke's eight children.

This visitation was undertaken by Sir Henry St George, Richmond Herald of Arms and his father, Sir Richard St George, Clarenceux King of Arms.





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Speaker 2.30pm (UK time)

Please check our website News & Events page and our social media platforms for the latest changes to the programme.

- Mar 25** **The 1830 Beerhouse Act** (Its effect on Hertfordshire pubs on both retailing and breweries to circa 1870, followed by the subsequent decline to 1914 with reference to urban St. Albans and rural Wheathampstead) Jon Mein
- Apr 29** **What happened to Lucy?** (The plight of adoptees, foundlings, orphans and the Child Migrants, essentially through the 19th and 20th centuries) Ian Waller
- May 27** **AGM at 2.00pm** followed at **3.00pm** by **Nonconformity** (The various churches that have existed in Britain since the 17th century) Alan Ruston
- Jun 24** **"Between Heaven & Earth"** (About my grandad's emigration to Canada aged 23 and his adventures) Robert Nurde

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