

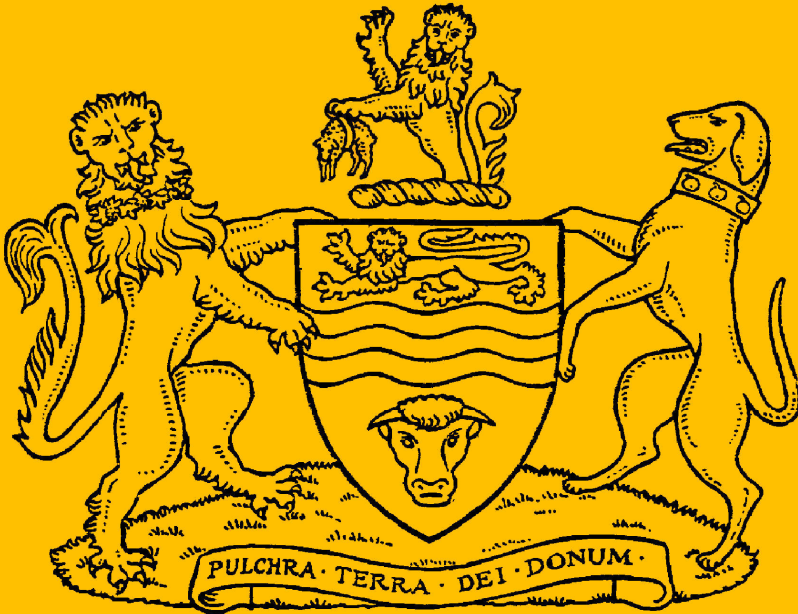
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Editor's Report

Here we are again. Summer is eventually here, but spring has already been a record breaker for the number of dry days we have had. That must surely mean that members have been out researching their own family histories.

Unfortunately, they have obviously not had time to get them written up and sent in to me for publication! All joking aside, I have completely run out of all articles for publication in Herefordiensis, so the next edition will almost certainly be smaller.

On a brighter and much more positive note, this last month saw the first Herefordshire Histories Festival, which took place in mid-May. It has not been confirmed as we speak, but hopefully this will be an annual event in the county. In the end there were in excess of 100 listed events, with some being duplicated over several days. The initial feedback seems to be very positive that it will be repeated in 2026. If you hosted an event, please ensure you have given feedback.

Phil Bufton

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Extracted from parish register of Dilwyn, Herefordshire

John Kerrey, son of John Kerrey and Martha Garland of Quicksetts, Dilwyn was baptised on 24th August 1845.

The mother states that this child was born in the city of New York in North America on the 5th day of July 1842.

Extracted from parish register of Kingsland, Herefordshire
Burial of 'A Spaniard' 10 May 1591

Robert ALLEN, Citizen of London buried 10 Aug 1600

Chairman's AGM Report May 2025

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the Herefordshire Family History Society Annual General Meeting. My name is Alan Charles, and I present the 'absentee' Chairmans report for 2025. This is again a ZOOM meeting, and the likelihood of having local meetings is still very remote at present.

Nine of the existing committee members are prepared to stand. Sadly Carol BENDLE has offered her resignation so we are still in need of more society members to join the committee. Distance is no object as all meetings are over ZOOM and are only every six weeks. Membership has continued to drop and is now about 288 members – down on last year. Our membership secretary, Jane COX, continues to encourage members to renew. She also arranges the Gift Aid returns which are a useful revenue source.

The program of ZOOM talks, organised by our Secretary, Norman PRICE, has been very well attended, with on average, 40 + members tuning in. Talks covered a wide range of interesting subjects and the talks for the year ahead have already been organised.

However, thanks go to committee member Bob Powell for stepping in with a talk when technical problems caused the booked speaker to default. The monthly newsletter, produced by Phil BUFTON, has proved a useful way to inform the many registered people of the upcoming society events and the program of talks.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 can be seen in the members area on the society website. The financial picture shows that the society is holding steady even with a reduced membership. The cost of membership has remained the same for several years now but other outgoings, especially postage, have hit hard. However, the transcribed indexes that have been put on 'Find My Past' are producing some valuable income, and our Treasurer, Colin MEREDITH, has once again balanced the books. We thank him.

The transcribing of the pre-1837 Herefordshire Parish Burial Registers, part of the National Burial Index (NBI) project is overseen by Linda LLOYD. In the HARC, on the first Friday in the month, this late afternoon session welcomes any local members who would like to help transcribe or check the registers. The large amount of data produced means that the returns from Pay-per-View on Find My Past is a valuable income resource to the society. The transcription of the Old Burial Register of the Hereford Cemetery has been completed and is on our website. The Herefordshire Baptism Registers transcription project has been completed but the long task of checking has just started and will take some time, and help is needed.

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The society had a presence at the West Midland Family History show at the Malvern show ground. Also, we contributed to the start up event of the Herefordshire Histories Festival, with a Herefordshire history show at the Herefordshire Archives on the first Saturday. An often overlooked resource are the digital exchange journals received from other societies throughout the world. The problem at present is that the small amount of work involved in placing these items on the website. We need a volunteer for this valuable resource, especially overseas members, they do not need to be local (and get to have first look at the journals.)

On the society WEB site all digital sales are now either self-downloaded or sent by email or OneDrive internet. Maps and hard backed books, due to the high cost of postage, will no longer be available by post. As our journal, Herefordiensis requires lots of text our editor, Phil, is again asking for an input of articles, photographs, and any items of local interest for inclusion. So come on and start writing. As always, we need to thank the committee members who keep this society going, especially our Minutes Secretary, Eleanor Atkin, Sheila Greig who looks after our Facebook presence. Also, thanks must go to Carol Bendle and our latest new committee member Kate Smedley.

Alan Charles

Acting Chairman Herefordshire F.H.S.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

2023/24	Income	2024/25	2023/24	Expenditure	2024/25
£4148.11	Subscriptions	£4340.39	£1816.00	Journal printing	£1911.00
£925.37	Sales	£1662.73	£639.45	Journal postage	£1252.94
£16.00	Donations	£29.50	----	Journal envelopes-printing	£281.00
£1648.76	Pay-per-view	£910.98	£164.00	Other printing	£137.00
£28.17	Interest	£52.30	£93.24	Secretarial	£104.61
£414.13	Gift Aid	£394.89	----	Advertising	£336.00
			----	Room Hire & storage	----
			----	Books/CDs	£112.50
			£306.58	FFHS Suty/Insurance	£317.98
			£405.00	Speakers	£440.00
			£440.40	Website	£259.20
			£415.00	History day	£314.40
				Hfids Hist Group	£1000.00
				Zoom	£459.30
			164.99	Other	£85.00
			----	Surplus for the year	£379.86
			£2735.88		
£7180.54		£7390.79	£7180.54		£7390.79

Staunton on Wye War Memorial.

Back in October 2024 there was an article by Sue HUBBARD outlining her own research into the men on the Staunton war memorial. This was in preparation for the memorial to be moved from it's busy roadside location to a new and quieter one in the middle of the village.

This has now taken place, it's new location being adjacent to the school and doctors surgery. The new location enabling people to gather round in safety.



I have re-published a short paragraph about the war memorial.

Staunton on Wye war memorial was erected to commemorate the Fallen of the First World War. When the war began there were about 125 families living in Staunton, many of whom were related. By 1916 at least seventy young men were serving – nearly all those eligible in the parish - and by the end of the war seventeen had died.

Phil Bufton. Editor

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1922

**Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.
Alan Charles.**

December 1922. MARRIAGE

26.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of Frederick Herbert PARTRIDGE of 13 Bastion Mews, Union Street, Hereford to Beatrice May BLAYDON of Stanhope Street, Hereford.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hereford of Alfred CAMBRIDGE of Llanfairfechan to Emily Gertrude PARRY of 87 Cotterell Street, Hereford. [Photo. 16/1/1923].

At St Francis Xavier Church, Hereford of Albert Victor LLOYD of Penge, London to Kathleen Alice LEWIS of Richmond Street, Hereford.

December 1922. DEATH.

26.

PARKER, Henry (Harry) at 17 Church Street, Hereford. Watchmaker and Jeweller. Aged 43 years.

HEYGATE, Edward Leonard Aspinall (Capt.) at Bucklands, Leominster. Aged 64 year.

28.

Weaver, Dorothy May of Red Barn Farm, Tillington. Aged 7 years.
Coroner Verdict – Heart failure caused by bronchitis following measles.

PARRY, Samuel Henry at 27 Maylord Street, Hereford. Aged 55 years.

29.

ADDIS, Thomas of Palace Farm, St Weonards. Farmer. Fell under a cart. Aged 35 years. Coroner Verdict – Dislocation of the spine and heart failure.

SAINSBURY, Wilhelmina Eliza of Pembridge. Foster mother of Winifred BUCKERIDGE. Murdered. Aged 74 years. Coroner Verdict - Wilful murder.
[Photo. 6/1/1923]

30.

BUCKERIDGE, Winifred of Pembridge. Adopted daughter of Wilhelmina SAINSBURY. Murdered. Aged 28 years. Coroner Verdict – Wilful murder.
[Photo. 6/1/1923, 10/2/1923]

JANUARY 1923 MARRIAGE.

24.

At Bodenham Parish Church of William LEWIS of Brick House, Ullingswick and Alice Ellen WALBY of The Crozens, Felton.

At Yatton Parish Church of David Charles DAVIES of Church House, Moreton-on-Lugg to Amy Violet MORGAN of The Highford, Yatton.

DEATH.

2.

DAVIES, Ann PEARCE at Hill House, Ledbury. Aged 61 years.

3.

DOWNING, Isaac of 5 Alton Place, Ross. Town crier. Aged 78 years.

WATKINS, Sarah at 50 Green Street, Hereford. Widow. Aged 85 years.

TRUMPER, John at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 76 years.

BACH, Robert of Upper House Farm, Lyonshall. Suicide. Farmer drowned in a pond. Aged 62 years.

Coroner Verdict – Drowned himself during temporary insanity.

5.

LEIGH, James Wentworth (late Dean of Hereford) at 63 Pont Street, London. Aged 85 years.

HARTLAND, Caroline at 28 Maylord Street, Hereford. Aged 72 years.

ALDHOUS, Caroline Augusta at 54 Broad Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

GRIFFITHS, Elizabeth at Bishops Wood. Aged 62 years.

Coroner Verdict – Death from haemorrhage of the base of the brain.

6.

WILLIAMS, James at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 66 years.

7.

DAVIES, Beryl at 62 Bulmers Avenue, Hereford. Aged 6 months.

MATTHEWS, Elizabeth Grace at 5 Westmoor Place, Grandstand Road, Hereford. Aged 5 months.

8.

WEBB, Elizabeth at Wightman Road, Hornsey. Daughter of James WEBB, High Street, Hereford. Aged ...

9.

HOLLAND, John at 6 Gomond Street, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

ROBSON, Jane at 204 Whitecross. Aged 84 years.

11.

JONES, George of 58 Widemarsh Street, Hereford. Killed disarming explosives at Credenhill Munitions Depot. Aged 35 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from shock and burns the result of the explosion. [Photo. 20/1/1923]

12.

BEAVAN, Eliza at 93 Park Street, Hereford. Aged 67 years.

14.

ATTWOOD, Alec Wilson of 7 Hampton Street, Hereford. Bicycle accident.

Aged 29 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from exhaustion from starvation due to a fractured spine.

PREECE, Edward John at 2 Palace Yard, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

19.

WHITTINGTON, William Cornelius at Vine Cottage, Moorfield Street, Hereford.

Aged 40 years.

20.

COWLEY, Doris May of 34 Portland Street, Hereford. Aged 4 weeks.

ABELL, Mary Ann Elizabeth at Louvain, Barton Road, Hereford. Aged 85 years.

23.

RUSSELL, Henry Freeman (Alderman) at Southfields, Leominster. Aged 74

years. MANTLE, Amos at Ford Street, Presteigne. Aged 77 years.

24.

SHIPTON, E R of Hereford Cycle Club secretary. Aged 68 years.

28.

SLAYMAKER, Henry John, cycle agent at 42 Bridge Street.

Bible Class leader at Barton Hall. Aged 63 years.

29.

PORTMAN, Mary Ann of Wallace Cottage, Breinton. Aged 66 years.

30.

BRIGHT, John F H of Treburvah, Llangunllo. Aged 42 years.

31.

BARNEBY, Richard Hicks of Longworth Hall, Hereford. Aged 47 years.

CHILDS, George of Broad Street, Leominster. Former Leominster station master. Aged 87 years.

FEBRUARY 1923. - BIRTH.

8.

LEAMON E A's wife (nee Peggy HERBERT) at 2 Wilbury Villas, Nelson Street, Hereford a son.

16.

ANDREWS E's wife at 3 Milton Terrace, Ross a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

7.

At Llanover Church of Albert GRIFFITHS of Llanover to Thirza Elizabeth (Cissie) DAVIES of Church Road, Eardisley.

10.

At Bosbury Parish Church of Albert Frederick HARRISON of Sheers Croft, Bosbury to May Beatrice PRICE of The Farm, Bosbury.

12.

At All Saints Church, Hereford of Albert James PRICE of 40 Portland Street, Hereford to Florence Emily BRAITHWAITE of 1 St Nicholas Street, Hereford. At St Mary,s Anglican Church, Regina, Canada of Reginald Ewart SAYCE, C.A. formerly of Llangua, Pontrilas to Constance Faulkner DRY of Regina.

24.

At Belvedere, Kent of Percy John BOSLEY of Churchfield Villas, Cradley to Daisy CLARKE of Belvedere, Kent.

DEATH.

1.

DUNCAN, Mary Walwyn of Much Marcle. Died in Nice of typhoid, caught in India. Aged

WILLIAMS, John at 90 Catherine Street, Hereford. Aged 33 months.

3.

MATTHEWS, Arthur at Willard, Colwall. Aged 58 years.

5.

JONES, George Frederick of 35 Blueschool Street, Hereford. Wheelwright. Aged 42 years.

6.

TUFFLEY, Nancy Beatrice at 47 Catherine Street, Hereford. Aged 13 months.

SIRRETT, Elizabeth Annie at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 57 years.

7.

BELLERS, Mary Ann of Etnam Street, Leominster. Aged 62 years.

8.

ELLSMORE, George of Sellack Hill. Sudden death. Aged 79 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from natural causes aggravated by insanitary surroundings.

SEABRIGHT, George Albert of Ross. Died from overdose of painkillers. Aged 52 years. Coroner Verdict – Misadventure.

9.

BOULTER, John Wm. At 82 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 37 years.

12.

WOOD, Charles Knight (Col. OBE) at The Moor, Bodenham. Aged 71 years.

GRUBB, Harold Ernest at 109 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 6 years.

13.

PRICE, Charles of Cwm Farm, Peterchurch. Fell from a horse and broke his neck. Aged 72 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

BETHELL, Matilda at Bricklayers Arms, St Owen Street, Hereford. Aged 74 years.

15.

BADHAM, Owen at Birmingham. Late of Ross. Aged 57 years.

Alan Charles. Acting Chairman. Membership No 268

REMOVAL ORDERS FOR 1802 1803 and 1804

Ref. Q/SR/90-91. Recognizances.

Continued from April 2025 Herefordiensis.

Where the legal place of settlement for a pauper was in dispute between parishes the matter could be referred to Quarter Sessions which would issue a removal order in accordance with their verdict.

No other information is included just this list of names etc.,

REMOVALS. 1802.

DAVIES Kezia -	Ewyas Harold to Kenderchurch.
CARWARDINE Martha and child -	Much Marele to Bosbury
HUNT Elizabeth and 6 children -	St Peter to All Saints, Hereford
PERRY Martha (wid) -	Leintwardine to Adforton
PROSSER Susanna and Child	St Johns Hereford to St Mary Port Bristol
WATTS James, wife and 3 children	All Saints Hereford to Kington.

REMOVALS. 1803

ARNOLD Mary and child (single)	St Nicholas Hereford to St Giles. Middx. Appeal.
ARNOLD Mary and child (single)	St Nicholas Hereford to St Giles. Middx
(presumably the appeal was not granted)	
BEDFORD Catherine 13 years old	Winforton to Whitney
COOKE Ann (Spinster)	Kingstone to Abbeydore
DAVIES Eleanor (Spin) (Pregnant)	Orleton to Leinthall Starks
EDWARDS Eliza widow 2 children	Byton to Newcastle Rads.
GRIFFITHS John and Rachel 3 children	Byford to Preston on Wye
GRIFFITHS John and Rachel 3 children	Bishopstone to Preston on Wye
GOSLING John and Ann	Kington to Ross on Wye
PRICE Thomas	Lyonshall to Whitney
WHEALE Alice	Weobley to Kings Pyon

REMOVALS. 1804

ASHWORTH Eliz (spin)	Abbeydore to Llancillo
BALL Thomas and Eliz.	Colwall to Leigh Worcs
BISHOP Richard and Eliz. 2 children	Eggleton to Much Cowarne
BUTCHER Richard Winnifred 2 children	Tupsley to All Saints.
COOPER James and Ann 2 children	St John to Lower Bullingham
FREEMAN Hannah (7 years old)	Ledbury to Bengeworth Worcs.
GRIFFITHS John and Ann	Humber to Stoke Prior
EDWARDS Thos. Catherine and child	Yatton to Much Marcle
JOHNSON Josiah, Eliz. and Magdalene.	5 children Ross on Wye to St Mary Bridgnorth.
HOPE George and Sarah	Marden to Moreton on Lugg
ROBERTS Catherine and son	Pembridge to Lyonshall. (Wife of Richard. 15th Regt of Foot)
SEAFULL. Wm. Martha 1 child	St John to St Nicholas Hereford (Flaxdresser)
SEYCE Eliz. (spinster) (pregnant)	St Devereux to St Peter. Hereford
WILLIAMS Sarah 5 children (Husband William. (Sentenced to Transportation)	Bishopston to Bridge Sollars.
WILLIAMS Thos. Ann 1 child	St Johns to St Owens Hereford
WILLIAMS Sarah 2 children (wid)	St Owen to Barnwood Glos.
WILLIAMS Sarah 2 children)wid)	St Owen to St John

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NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2025 ?

Are you interested in family and local history?

Do you want to participate in a national project that facilitates easier research both nationally and globally for people trying to find their ancestors?

Can you spare two hours per month to visit HARC in Hereford to work on original parish registers and bishops transcripts, transcribing and checking the documents?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE IS YES THEN WHY NOT JOIN OUR SMALL BAND OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON PARISH REGISTERS FROM 1536 TO 1812? TO SUCCEED IN THIS ROLE YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

Patience and enjoyment in studying and resolving what the Parish Clerk wrote all those years ago. The desire to work in and with a small group of like-minded people. A knowledge of written Latin would be great but is not essential.

You will learn as you go, I promise! I can assure you we also have plenty of registers in modern English and lots of experts willing to help the beginner.

Keyboard skills are not essential as the recording can be done with a pencil and a piece of A4 lined paper, but it is fine if you want to bring along your laptop and key the data into our excel pro-forma.



Our group re-formed after Covid and we have been very successful in forwarding to the National Federation of Family History Society 34,608 records since July 2021. We meet every month at HARC, in Rotherwas, Hereford, on the first Friday at 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

If you think this could be of interest to you then contact me, Linda Lloyd, Project Co-ordinator by email at:

linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

National Burials Indexing at HARC
(Latest submission to FMP, and further submissions below)

Place	Denomina- tion	No	Start	End
Bishops Frome	Anglican	535	1760	1799
Bosbury	Anglican	1146	1750	1812
Burghill	Anglican	1011	1661	1784
Callow	Anglican	428	1679	1812
Coddington	Anglican	484	1660	1812
Colwall	Anglican	843	1723	1809
Edwyn Ralph [Edwin Ralph]	Anglican	397	1624	1812
Evesbatch	Anglican	118	1704	1795
Ewyas Harold	Anglican	230	1734	1790
Hentland	Anglican	300	1770	1812
TOTAL		5492	1624	1812

If you would like to come along and help contact Linda Lloyd on her email at linda_lloyd@btinternet.com

Alternatively if you are available to help in the week and would prefer to help checking of the Baptisms index, contact Alan Charles on his email at ajchome@sky.com

Both projects need your help and more hands make light work.

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 13



In 1901 Alfred William WIGLEY (35) is living at 75 Park Street with the occupation of 'organist' and by 1911 aged 40 he is living at 3, Ingestre Street, and his occupation is 'Professional Musician'. He was organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity from 1900-1932 and he seems to have combined this with 'teacher of music and singing' which I found in the 1902 JAKEMAN and CARVER Directory & Gazetteer. Alfred must have supplemented his income from the church with the private teaching of singing and music as well as fees from playing at weddings and funerals.

He was a local lad born in All Saints district and baptised at St James church in 1871 though he was born in 1867 to William and Harriet Wigley. It looks from searching the census records that his family were Herefordians over at least three generations. Alfred's father William (10) was living in Bewell Street in 1841 and like Alfred's grandfather William (50) had been born in Herefordshire.

Alfred's father, William, while living continuously at 75 Park Street, had various jobs working as a clerk: 'Lawyer's General Clerk' 1861, 'Clerk to Stamp Distribution' 1871, 'Solicitor's Clerk' 1881 and finally 'Accountant' 1891. In the 1895 Kelly's Directory William is supplementing his work with being Secretary to Hereford County College and Secretary to Hereford Club Building Co. He was also Distributor of Licenses for the Wye Fishery at 5 St. Peter's Street. Then William must have died before 1901 as Alfred (35) is the only member of his family left at 75 Park Street and he has a boarder, George Lloyd (27) who is 'Clerk at Tileworks C.C.'

During the next ten years Alfred moves to 3, Ingestre Street where he is sharing his house with a couple who are 'gardener' and 'housekeeper', Benjamin (66) and Mary SYNNOCK (72) as well as their daughter Gertrude J (31) and Elizabeth M HERBERT (37) a visitor. Here he is still living and working as 'organist and teacher of music' in 1921 aged 55. I don't know when he left Ingestre Street but by 1939 aged 72, he has moved back to Park Street but to no. 99 and he describes his occupation as 'organist retired'. Next door at 100 Park Street lives his former boarder George Lloyd (66) who is now married to Helen. The friendship must have continued until Alfred dies in February 1940 aged 73 and the probate administration goes to 'Helen Lloyd wife of George Henry Lloyd'.

In the 1891 Census, still living at 75 Park Street, Alfred's (24) occupation is 'Musical Student'. I was interested to know where Alfred had learnt music and play the organ. The obvious answer in Hereford is at the Cathedral where I discovered Alfred had been a chorister in his early life. A letter is recorded from Mr William Wigley on 25 June 1875,

'complaining that his son (one of the probationary Choristers) had not been promoted to a Choristership ... and it was Resolved that Mr Wigley be informed that his son was not promoted because he was both inattentive and inefficient, in which respects the Dean and Chapter hope for a speedy improvement'

(Diocesan Church Calendar in the Cathedral Library). Oh dear! William was obviously keen that his son, aged 8, should do well, but Alfred only stayed on for another two years and then is not mentioned in the Calendar. I expect he then went to All Saints or St Peters to sing in the choir there and learnt to play the organ. Being a musician is not an occupation which necessarily pays well and often must be supplemented. According to the Holy Trinity magazine of 16 April 1901 the Annual Accounts included: Organist £30, Boys £7. 5. 0., Organ blower and bell ringer £5.00.

In the All Saints Magazine of May 1891 is the news that Holy Trinity which had been built in 1885 would have an organ,

'We have much pleasure in stating that the good work commenced by Mr Gascoigne and others in starting a fund for placing an organ in HT Church is about to be brought to a successful end. Mr Ingram has undertaken to put up an instrument fit for the church upon such terms as have been accepted by the committee.'

This original organ was built in 1891 by Messrs. Ingram and Co. of Hereford and was in the nave of the church and moved into the chancel in 1906 after the chancel was built. It consisted of two manuals and straight concave pedal board, 'The action was tracker to the manuals and drawstops and pneumatic to the pedals' ('Holy Trinity Hereford' compiled by Norman Owen).

Norman Owen includes an interesting clip from the Parish Magazine in November 1902 where it seems the organ attracted other players who used the organ for practice;

The Vicar and Churchwardens have with the Organist's concurrence determined to make a charge of one shilling an hour or for less time, for practice on the organ. If the practice lasts longer than an hour, a proportional payment must be made for the extra time. The sum must be paid to the organ-blower at the time, and it will include the organ-blower's charge. The blowing of the organ by any but the organ-blower is strictly forbidden."

The Holy Trinity magazines held at HARC from 1900-1904 gave me some information about Alfred's work. In 1902 the choir is praised as giving '*simple music, earnestly, eagerly and excellently rendered surely is the ideal for a parish church*'.

Mr Wigley was mentioned for raising money for expenses. That year new surplices were made and old mended, by ladies who met at Fayre Oakes with Mrs Edwin Edwards. Mrs Edwards later paid for Alfred to have instruction from Dr Sinclair the Cathedral organist and choirmaster who he must have known.

Musical concerts were also held in the church: '*An organ recital will be given in HTC on Thursday June 20th 1901 at 3pm by Dr Sinclair assisted by Mr Llewelyn (Cathedral Choir) as vocalist and Mr J.A.T. Nicholson (a member of the church council) as violinist. A collection will be made for the Endowment Fund*' A report on this event says, "*Dr Sinclair developed our organ in his usual masterful manner. The violin playing by Mr J.A.T. Nicholson and the singing by Mr Llewelyn were of a high order of excellence*". Mr J.A.T. Nicholson who played the violin was an architect and member of the church council who lived at 'Glenthorne' on Baggalley Street.

Alfred must have done well fundraising because the choir is mentioned over several years as having an outing in the summer. After the Morning Service on 19th July 1900 had set off in Mr Prosser's four-in-hand brake, '32 strong to King's Pyon with 3 following on bicycles'. They then had a cricket match at King's Pyon 'being the better men, deservedly carried off the laurels for the day'. Mr O'Brien of Ranelagh St. helped make a 'fair show'. On the 6th June 1901 after the 9.30 morning service they set off in 'Mr Prosser's large brake and another brake filled with 48 excited boys and gentlemen of the choir'. Mr Evans, Mr Abel and Mr Earp came along to help with the food and refreshments. When they arrived in Ross, 'some of the party went in boats and the rest walked' to Symonds Yat and had dinner by the riverside. They then journeyed to Whitchurch and had 'tea served in meadow placed at our disposal by Mr Robinson, Rector of Whitchurch'. Following Evening Service at Whitchurch they returned home.

In 1916 (October Magazine) the choir practice was at 8.30 on a Tuesday night but because later that month Lighting Regulations which changed the evening service time to earlier in the day might well have forced Alfred to move the practice to daylight hours. He lived a busy creative life and managed to keep a job as church organist and choir master while managing private teaching to supplement his income. In the end he retired to Park Street, to a house on the street near where he had been brought up and a short walk away from the Cathedral where he could appreciate church music.

Jean Thomson Membership No 3644

Parish Profile of Eardisland



Eardisland lies 5 miles West of Leominster, sitting on the River Arrow.

Parish records deposited in Hereford Record Office within the HARC are from 1614 - 1858 for baptisms, 1614 - 1968 for marriages and 1614 - 1933 for burials. Also 1824-1906 for Banns.

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: Notes on Eardisland Bridges, plans for Tippetts bridge, Brooch bridge and Mill Bridge. Burton Court photographs, information booklet and miscellaneous paper 1671-1798, also rolls for 1332-1633, 1731-1873 and 1908-1948. Internal and external photographs of Eardisland church in 1992. Coronation celebrations in 1902. Court house estate deeds, Riddox estate deeds and plans, Bishop of Hereford estate, Street Court estate sale advertisement in 1904. Shobdon estate sale particulars.

Information on local farms including Court House farm accounts, Moss Hill farm – Tenancy dispute in 1885, Hinton Manor farm sale particulars, Moss Hill farm leases for 1787 and 1791. The Broome farm sale particulars. Sale of the Riddox in 1896. Notes on Eardisland roads and turnpikes.

Eardisland Oral History Group books and videos for 1995 and 1999. Methodist Church marriage register 1909 - 1961 and Women's Institute 'Within Living Memory recollections.

Phil Bufton

Herefordshire Histories Festival

Proposed for May 2026

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3065150696966203>

Herefordshire Family History Society hosted an event on the first day of the festival and we plan to duplicate this in 2026.



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Herefordshire FHS - Renewal of Membership options

January is when we include within the journal a renewal reminder for the Herefordshire Family History Society.

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.

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Dickens in Malvern.

Following on from the April Zoom presentation by Jeff Page on Charles DICKENS, David Hodgson a member from Malvern has submitted the following:

Charles Dickens visits Malvern.

In March 1851 Charles Dickens's wife Caroline, her sister Georgina and her Housemaid Anne Brown were staying at the Knotsford Lodge in Malvern. It is now the Abbey Hotel. Dickens was in London where his father John was very ill.

John Dickens died on 31st March and is buried in Highgate Cemetery.

Caroline Dickens was in Malvern to take the Water Cure.

Later that year Dickens and his family came to Malvern. He gives an account of his visit in Household Words. This is a resume of the article.

Having spent five years in the smoke without a holiday except for visits to London, Manchester and Newcastle what a sensation it is to be travelling to Malvern on a brilliant September day. From the noisy railroad through villages and cornfields, one sees geese and partridges waddling through the stubble perking their heads up here and there.

There is a band of reapers on the high ground stopping work to look down at the train as it passes by then turning back to work as the train enters the tunnel.

Now comes the quiet city of Worcester with light and shadow of the Cathedral architecture, cut sharp by the strong sunlight. The central streets are quiet compared to Birmingham; they are much cleaner with old red brick houses within the precincts. The pavements do not seem to be soiled by feet except by the dainty feet of ladies and the Clergy. In the middle of the cloisters is a square carpet of green.

Leaving Worcester behind we have the sensation of coach travel after years of rail travel. The railroad has not yet reached Malvern. We see hop grounds with tossing clusters and waving green streamers of hops, with little avenues between the poles. There are orchards of pear trees where the pears cluster almost fifty feet high. The famous Barlam Perry is made from these pears.

There are so many apples one wonders what will become of so many.

Behind these however is something much better, it is the sight of the Malvern Hills, first a purple mass growing greener with every mile and then the rich woodland.

As we arrive in Malvern a long straight row of white walled dwellings appears in the shining sun, the smoke of the city no longer visible. Here is the playground of our three-day holiday. We are sure to be tipsy with water after a few days of the sparkling water.

Whatever the woes of the world in general Malvern is always merry, when we speak of Malvern we mean Water Patients. As we make our way to the Wyche Cutting, we glance down upon Great Malvern, the roof of the Priory is the most conspicuous to us. How gay the white houses look with their gardens.

The parterres one rose coloured with verbenas another scarlet with geraniums are bright to the eye. The white road looks dusty, but this is the best way to the wells to those not in a hurry.

In his will Dickens leaves nineteen guineas to Mrs Anne Cornelias and the same amount to her daughter Catherine Georgina Anne Cornelias, presumably named after Catherine Dickens and her sister Georgina. Anne was formerly Anne Brown his faithful servant. Anne married Edward Cornelias at Marylebone in 1855. Edward was a Pianoforte Polisher. Her daughter Catherine married John Alexander Romer a Precious Stones Dealer in December 1873. They had seven children. Catherine Dickens died in 1873.

Another visitor for the Water Cure was Anne the daughter of Charles Darwin she died on 23rd April 1851 aged ten, her memorial stone is at Malvern Priory.

During the talk on Dickens one of the members asked about Dickens being in Ross on Wye.

An account by Dickens on 13th May 1855.

Last year when in Ross I was curious about John KYRLE the Man of Ross.

I was unable to find anyone who would tell me anything, on the coach from Ross to Hereford and elderly Clergyman was sitting beside me. I expressed my disappointment to my companion; however, he said he knew the story of the Man of Ross very well and would tell me what he knew!

There is an account in 1869 that Dickens would be giving a talk in Hereford on Thursday 6th May.

David Hodgson

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Friday 21st February - Martin McDowell
DNA

Friday 21st March - Graham Sutherland
North to Alaska

Friday 18th April - Jeff Page
Dickens: Our Mutual Friend

Friday 16th May - AGM

Friday 20th June - Jenny Malin
Five Generations of a British Raj Family

Friday 18th July - John Frearson
Postcards - 'From Ennis to Emmie'

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Polish Communities

Friday 19th September - Clare Wilson
Researching WW2 Air Force

Friday 17th October - Linda Hammond
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Friday 21st November - Richard Holt
Beyond the 1939 Register: Additional Records of National Registration (1939-1991)

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<https://lintonvillage.com/linton-clubs-and-societies/linton-district-history-society/>

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