

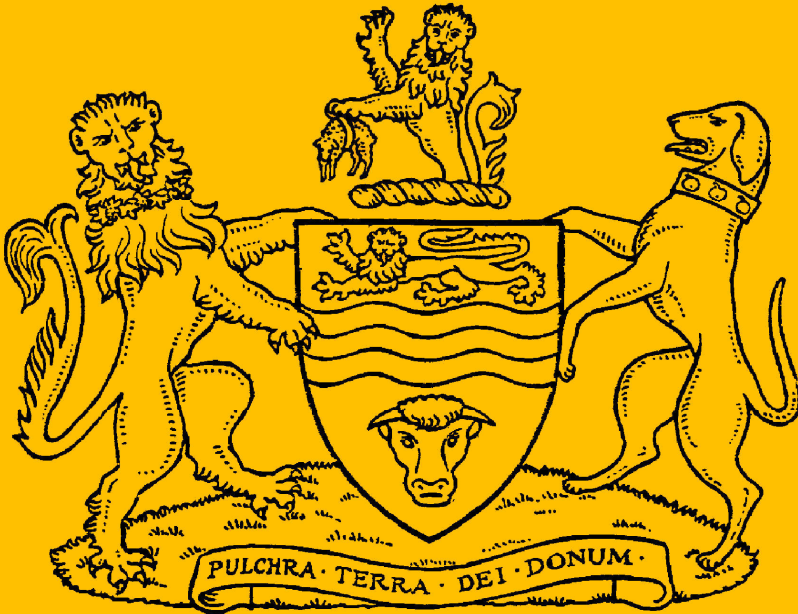
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Editor's Report

Here we are again, summer is here once again. I wonder how many heat waves we will have this year, - already had one!

In the April journal I said I was going to do one more year as Editor. To my great surprise we have had a volunteer come forward who will take over next May officially. That person is Hazel Richardson who for some time has been the hidden face of my proof-reader, so that means we have another vacancy that could do with being fulfilled, that of a proof-reader. As with the Editor post it is a 4-times-a-year event.

You will also get an early look at the journal and it's contents for the next edition.

On page 162 you will find a summary of what the job entails, which in reality is only a few hours every 3 months.

In other news, those members who are registered on the website will have noticed the new look to the site. It has all the previous content and the information has all been gone through in details by members of the committee. Thanks to the members of the committee for proof reading the content and suggesting new information.

We have been invited to have a display at the Hereford Bereavements, otherwise know as the Crematorium on Saturday 4th July. This is the first time this event has been held since before Covid in 2019.

Since that time the registers of burials at the Cemetery have been transcribed, checked and published by the society and these are available on the shop.

Also ongoing is re-checking of area F of the Hereford Cemetery. On looking for a grave as part of my role of volunteer for FindaGrave I noticed a Commonwealth War Grave Commission stone. We had been assured by the cemetery staff at the time that there were no Pre 1949 memorials in that area, it seems this was an oversight.

These will be published as a separate publication.

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HFHS Accounts

HEREFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - Registered Charity No. 517785
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026

2024/25	Income	2025/26	2024/25	Expenditure	2025/26
£4340.39	Subscriptions	£4114.59	£1911.00	Journal printing	£1874.20
£1662.73	Sales	£972.11	£1252.94	Journal postage	£1192.60
£29.50	Donations	£33.00	£281.00	Journal envelopes- printing	----
£910.98	Pay-per-view	£810.08	£137.00	Other printing	£124.00
£52.30	Interest	£45.41	£104.61	Secretarial	£46.99
£394.89	Gift Aid	£355.83	£336.00	Advertising	----
			----	Room Hire & storage	----
			£112.50	Books/CDs	----
			£317.98	FFHS Sub/Insurance	£317.98
			£440.00	Speakers	£610.00
			£259.20	Website	£259.20
			£314.40	History day	£171.00
			£1000.00	Hfds Hist Group	£1000.00
			£459.30	Zoom	£220.79
			----	Bank charges	£11.84
			£85.00	Other	230.96
		----		Surplus for the year	£271.46
			£379.86		
£7390.79		£6331.02	£7390.79		£6331.02

2025		2026	2025		2026
£11627.12	Accumulated Fund B/Fwd	£12006.98	£11235.55	Lloyds Bank	£10768.12
£2884.23	Subs received in advance	£2277.10	£3417.08	Scottish Widows	£3462.49
			£238.58	Paypal	£324.93
£379.86	Surplus for the year	£271.46			
£14891.21		£14555.54	£14891.21		£14555.54

Chairman's AGM Report

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the Herefordshire Family History Society Annual General Meeting. My name is Alan Charles, and I present the Chairmans report for 2026.

This is a ZOOM meeting, and the likelihood of having local meetings is not being considered. Consequently, our book library has been passed to an interested local charity group.

The existing committee of nine members are prepared to stand but 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 260 members – down on last year. Our membership secretary, Jane Cox, continues to work hard chasing errant 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 prepared for the rest of this year and, already partly, for the next year. The meetings are very well attended, with on average, 40 + members tuning in. Talks are always interesting and well-presented, with photos and graphics, and cover a wide range of interesting subjects.

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. To register email Phil Bufton (Editor) who will send you a link for the ZOOM meetings. The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 can be seen in the members area on the society website.

The financial report shows that the society is holding steady even with a reduced membership. The cost of membership has remained the same for several years but other outgoings, especially postage has hit hard. However, the transcribed indexes of the NBI, that have been put on 'Find My Past', an online genealogy service, are producing some valuable income. Our Treasurer, Colin Meredith, has once again balanced the books.

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 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. Contact Alan Charles for details.

The society was again at the West Midland Family History show at the Malvern show ground. Our stall attracted a lot of attention, and we are attending next year. Also, we contributed to the event of the Herefordshire Histories Festival at present running now in Herefordshire. This is a county wide display of local history from many small, and large, societies. As part of this event the Hereford

History Day is on this coming Saturday at St Peters Church, Hereford and we will have our stall there. Come and see us.

A resource, often overlooked, are the digital exchange journals received from other societies throughout the world. There is a small amount of work involved in placing these items on the web site. We have a new volunteer to do this task and they get to have first look at the journals.

As many of you are aware the society website has been struggling recently so a new site has been built and will be in operation from early June. This will mean that for a short period of time the site will be closed for 24 hours for the changeover to take place. This time will be advertised in advance.

We hope you will be pleased with the new styling of the site but most of the systems will remain as before. If you become aware of 'problems' with the new site then please let us know.

The final Monumental Inscription file for Hereford Cathedral will be in place very soon. Meanwhile a spring clean of all the other M.I.s will be taking place with the new website.

Here is a summary of the WEB sales for this last year:

Total number of orders	209
Total number of items sold	244
Membership Sales	125
Digital items sold	119
Total Gross Sales	£2559.00

On the website all digital sales will be either self-downloaded, sent by email or for larger files by OneDrive internet. Maps and hard backed books, due to the high cost of postage, will no longer be available by post.

Our editor, Phil Bufton, is resigning as editor in May 2027 but a replacement has been found. They will still require lots of text for the Herefordiensis journal so again are 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. Our Minutes Secretary, Eleanor Atkin, Sheila Greig who looks after our Facebook presence. Also, thank you to Bob Powell and Kate Smedley.

We would like to thank the many, unnamed volunteers who transcribe and check registers and other tasks that help the committee and the society. Thank you for your time.

Finally, age is catching up with me, and I will not be standing for Chairman next year.

**Alan Charles, Acting Chairman of Herefordshire Family History Society.
Membership No 268**

Births, Marriages & Deaths - 1923

Items from the Hereford Journal with corrections from other sources.

June 1923

21.

TURNER, Jane at 49 Cotterell Street, Hereford. Widow of Job TURNER. Aged 82 years.

25.

MORGAN, Thomas at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 53 years.

26.

WATHEN, John at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 79 years.

27.

TOWN, Benjamin of 29 North Road, Leominster. Aged 72 years.

DAVIES, Frances at the General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 53 years.

29.

JONES, Ruth Mary at 107 Whitecross Street, Hereford. Aged 7 months.

Coroner Verdict – Accidentally smothered by a feather pillow.

30.

TURNER, Rachel Anne at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 75 years.

JULY 1923.

DEATH.

5.

RALPHS, Richard at 76 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 77 years.

BISHOP, John Thomas of 31 Brookend Street, Ross. Crushed by wheels of a traction engine. Aged 22 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

FARR, Agnes Mary at 39, Times Terrace, Hereford. Aged 59 years

7.

SHAW, Sarah Elizabeth at Leicester. Daughter of Austin HERBERT of Hereford.

8.

HARGEST, Frederick John of Brick House, Eardisland. Drowned in the river Arrow. Aged 18 years. Coroner Verdict – Suffocation from drowning.

11.

EDWARDS, Matthew at Longfield Buildings, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

CATON, Anne of no fixed abode. Body found at Sarnesfield. Aged 63 years. Coroner Verdict – Died from natural causes.

12.

PERRY, Royce at Bucknell. Fell from pony and float under another wagons wheels. Aged 8 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

13.

GIBBONS, Arthur of Knights Common, Kingstone. Died of heatstroke. Aged 59 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to heatstroke and cardiac failure.

HORNER, William Edward of 35 Green Street, Hereford. Aged 29 years.

14.

FLEXON, Henry at Hill Gates, Llanwarne. Weak heart. Aged 65 years.

15.

COOKE, Harriett of Swinmore Croft, Ledbury Road, Hereford. Aged 56 years.

17.

GRIFFITHS, Margaret of 8 Broad Street, Leominster. Aged 80 years.

18.

ANDREWS, Mary Jane late of Trefriw, Bargates. Primitive Methodist. Aged 79.

19.

NUTT, Ivy Ada of 28 Broad Street, Leominster. Aged 25 years.

THOMAS, Tracey of Hereford. Killed in mining accident at Cromgyrack, Glyn Neath. Aged 38 years.

20.

SALE, Emma of Newlands Croft, Leominster. Aged 78 years.

COLLARD, Herbert at General Hospital, Hereford. Aged 64 years.

21.

WHITING, George of The Beeches, Moreton-on-Lugg. Drowned in a rain-water tub. Aged 64 years. Coroner Verdict – Drowned himself while his mind was temporarily unhinged.

BATEMAN, Julia of 7 Gomond Street, Hereford. Aged 44 years.

BIRT, Thomas at 99 Edgar Street, Hereford. Aged 73 years.

23.

PATRICK, George Sandford of the Nags Head Inn, Canon Pyon. Aged 56 years.

GOSDEN, Alfred James of Winterslow, Colwall. Found collapsed.

Aged 71 years. Coroner Verdict – Death from natural causes.

BANNISTER, Elizabeth Mary Catherine of 35 South Street, Leominster.

Aged 75 years.

SPANTON, Emery (Revd) of 31 Breinton Road, Hereford. Baptist minister.

Aged 79 years.

25.

POWELL, Selina Rhoda of Rose Cottage, Alpine Terrace, Ross. Run over by a train. Aged 44 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide during temporary insanity.

26.

SMITH, Thomas J.P. of Withinfield, South Street, Leominster. Aged 84 years.

27.

HILL, George of Homend Street, Ledbury. Wesleyan. Builder. Aged 69 years.

30.

REES, Jonah at 90 Ryeland Street, Hereford. Aged 69 years.

AUGUST 1923

MARRIAGE.

4.

At St John's Church, Ivington of Frederick READING of Newtown to Sarah M. LEWIS of Abergavenny.

9.

At St Francis Xaviers Church, Hereford of Dr. Henry Cecil JENNINGS of Leeds and Mary Helen TURNER of Pyon House, Bodenham. [Photo. 18/08/1923]

11.

At All Saints Church, Hereford of Richard Frederick WARNER of Broad Street, Leominster to Nellie Gladys REE.

27.

At Holmer Parish Church of Harold Oliver HIGGINS of Thornbury to Grace Gertrude DUGGAN of Hereford.

28.

At Barton Hall, Hereford of Edward George LOCK of Torquay to Jessie Winifred LANGFORD of Hereford.

30.

At St James's Church, Hereford of Claude O. TOWNSEND of Eign Street, Hereford to Gladys Ruby MARSHALL of Mill Street, Hereford.

DEATH.

4.

SMITH, William George of Grange Hill Farm, Wormsley. Death from scalding. Aged 3 years. Coroner Verdict – Death due to shock following upon accidental scolding.

8.

WAYTHE, Elizabeth Susan of 9 Vaga Street, Hunderton. Aged 72 years.

9.

GLADWYN, James Henry of The Cloud, Checkley. Drowned at Mordiford. Aged 13 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental death.

10.

PUMPHREY, Henry Harris of Highwell House, Bromyard. Paralysed from a fractured spine in November. Heart failure from sepsis. Age 66 years. Coroner Verdict – Accidental Death.

20.

STEVENS, Elizabeth at Hereford General Hospital. Aged 39 years.

22.

SAINSBURY, Helen E. of Bridstow. Died at Paignton. Aged 46 years.

SHORTEN, William Henry at Victoria Street, Hereford. Aged 70 years.

WOOD, Joan at 16 Chandos Street, Hereford. Aged 4 years.

27.

HARDING, Reginald Hamlet of Ingleside, Broomy Hill, Hereford. Pneumonia. Aged 15 years.

28.

CAVE, Emily Heath of Luston. Aged 55 years.

29.

BISHOP, Percy Charles at 31 Commercial Street, Hereford. Aged 2 years.

COTTERELL, Elizabeth Emma of 74 Millbrook Street, Hereford. Sudden death. Aged 62 years. Coroner Verdict – Heart failure.

LEWIS, Sarah of Much Dewchurch. Aged ...

30.

HOWELLS, Elizabeth Sarah at 16 Hampton Street, Hereford. Aged 76 Years.

PRICE, Thomas of Kington. Baptist deacon. Aged 72 years.

31.

HILL, William Enoch of Broad Street, Ross. Aged 87 years.

GOSLING, Henry at Ashfield, Leominster. Drank cyanide of potassium. Aged 32 years. Coroner Verdict – Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

SEPTEMBER 1923

MARRIAGE.

11.

At St Margaret's Church, Wellington of Ferdinand GEOFFREY of Eaton to Daisy DAVIES of Wellington Mill.

24.

At St Peter's Church, Hereford of Percy Henry TAYLOR of Hamilton Villas, Edgar Street, Hereford to Minnie COTTRELL of 2 Delacy Street, Hereford. [Photo 6/10/1923].

At St Peter's Church, Hereford of Thomas Reginald KING of 62 Bath Street, Hereford to Primrose May TUFFLEY of 49 Catherine Street, Hereford. [Photo. 6/10/1923].

At All Saints Church, Hereford of Frank Allen HAYWARD of The Park, Holme Lacy to Daisy Winifred BALDWIN of Royal George Hotel, Hereford. [Photo. 6/10/1923].

25.

At St James Church, Wigmore of Henry Breedon EVERARD of Derby to Kathleen Dorothy Boyd POWELL-AKROYD of Wigmore Hall. [Photo 6/10/1923].

Alan Charles. Acting Chairman. Membership No 268

NBI Volunteers

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE FOR 2026?

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 38,455 records since July 2021. The total added to FMP is now 168,659. 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	Denomination	No	Start	End
Kimbolton	Anglican	1138	1565	1780
Leysters	Anglican	81	1791	1812
Mansel Gamage	Anglican	91	1782	1812
Michaelchurch Eskley	Anglican	213	1787	1812

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

Currently we have submitted 151 register transcripts to be added to FMP
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, especially if
you are able to help with the Baptisms index as that is only checking.

The vanishing art of Communication As extracted from ‘The Sphere’
Woman’s Sphere by Olivia

(Illustrated Newspaper for the Home.) Volume LXXXVI No 999 March 15, 1919
Conversational powers, even of the meagrest description, seem to be sadly lacking among many of our young men and maidens of the present day - or is chatting amiably with the maiden you happen to be lunching with one of the things that “ isn’t done ” ? I wondered the other day as I sat cramped up to a boy and girl in a restaurant, who consumed their very expensive luncheon in almost complete silence. Not even a ‘ bottle of the best ’ - it was 1906 vintage too, I noticed had the effect of loosening their tongues.

They did not seem exactly bored with each other, but they were about as loquacious as the proverbial country swain and sweetheart during the serious and solemn process of “ walking out.” He was evidently an airman, in skiey blue; she a pretty fluffy-haired thing in a suit of the very latest cut; and their only audible communing’s ran somewhat like this : She (who did the lion’s share of the talking): “ What does it feel like to fly ? ” He : “ Oh, rippin’.” She (after a barren pause): “ Good floor last night at the dance ? ” He: “Top- pin’.” Another very long pause - and then, She: “Tell me about Mesopotamia. What was it like?” He (with energy): “Oh, Blott. To say the conversation flagged after this would be an exaggeration!

Perhaps you have heard something similar in your local fast food restaurant.

The Whitecross Chronicles No: 17



On leaving the city via Eign Gate and passing Sainsbury's and Aldi stores and after crossing Plough Lane, on the right-hand side, is the line of buildings comprising Price's Hospital. In the centre under the clock is a stone tablet inscribed 'Mr William Price Citizen of London founded this Hospital in the Year 1665'. Then on the wall near the chapel is a wooden board with the date 1604 for the founding. So, when was Price's Hospital built and founded 1604 or 1665?

How was permission granted to establish the building? Well, there is a document with the seal of Charles I, dated 1634, framed on the wall in the chapel. Written in Latin, there is a translation printed underneath in which the king states, "*KNOW that we, graciously pleased by pious institutions of this kind, and at the humble petition of the said Richard and James, by our special grace, and from certain knowledge ... will and*

grant to our heirs and successors, that the houses be constructed in the street called Above Eign, within the liberty of the City of Hereford; that there should be one hospital, called by name Price's Hospital ... for the dwelling and support of a chaplain and twelve poor and needy persons ..."

So royal permission was needed to ensure the foundation of support needed to continue the provision for the building. After the executors of the will died then the Mayor of Hereford and six Aldermen would be appointed with the chaplain and 12 poor men to constitute the body politic to care for the building of the 'Hospital' and administer the charity which was formed to continue the provision. It was never a 'hospital' as we understand today, for it was later referred to as 'almshouses' or nowadays 'social housing', which include the homes behind on Bricknell Close which are now administered by the Trustees.

Who provided the money to build? William PRICE, an alderman and merchant of London left a bequest in his will of 1604 for a building to house 12 aged men, freemen of the city, and named four friends who were to do this for him: John MARDEN and John GREEN of London, and Richard RODD of Totnes in Devon and James Rodd of Hereford. From 'An inventory of Historical Monuments in Herefordshire' we learn, '*The tenements have each two rooms, one on each floor; the lower room has a chamfered ceiling-beam and in some tenements the joists are exposed. The fireplaces have oak lintels, but most of them have been filled in. The enclosure-wall in front is original and of brick with a stone base and a modern top; flanking the central entrance are square piers. The garden-wall to the W. of the building is also original but has a modern brick top*' (British History Online).

They were built to last and were the best for the time, *'the establishment altogether affords a most comfortable retreat for such inhabitants of the city as have been reduced to poverty and enfeebled by age'* (Charity Commissioner's Report 1836).

Who ensured that the charity was established and founded which would provide income to run the 'Hospital'? By 1636 the house had been erected but John Marden, John Green and Richard Rodd named in the document, had died and so it fell to James Rodd to make provision which would sustain the charity. James Rodd petitioned for an indenture in 1636 and was responsible in making sure this happened. *'James Rodd bargained, sold and conveyed to the said Hugh Davyes (Town Clerk) and others, that messuage or mansion house and chapel wherein the said poor men did then inhabit, with the gardens thereto adjoining, situate without Eigne Gate in the suburbs of the said city of Hereford, in a street called Above Eigne'*. There then follows a list of lands and buildings which were to provide an income for keeping and maintaining the property. These included lands near Clodock where James Rodd lived, and the parsonage farm in Mansel Lacy and various tenements in Leominster and Hereford city including The Plough Inn on Whitecross Road. In the early 19th century, the 'poor' men were each given five shillings a week, a ton of coal every winter and a great coat every second year and the chaplain was given £10 a year for providing a service three times a week.

So, who was James who could establish such a charity? In the 'History of Parliament Online' I discovered that James Rodd was a younger son from a minor gentry family and by 1603 was a mercer in Hereford, *"but he rose to prominence following the death in 1604 of his cousin William Price, a Merchant Taylor of London, who was on close terms with Thomas Clarke, Hereford's town Clerk ... Price left Rodd £300 and appointed him an executor of his will, a responsibility which brought with it control over several charitable bequests in Hereford, the most significant of which was for the endowment of a projected new hospital."*

It appears that indeed William Price died in 1604 before the civil war and it took thirty years before the 'hospital' could be built and then a further thirty years for James Rodd to put together the properties which would provide an income and handover to the Council. Perhaps this difference explains the two dates outside the building.

So who were the men during the census years who lived in the houses? They are nearly all Herefordians whose former occupations are listed and who shared their accommodation often with several others. The properties must have been very tightly occupied and in some cases included family members who were working and who could supplement the five shillings a week. I have decided to give the census of 1861 as an example at it shows the variety of occupations, age and origins of occupiers:

No 1 Richard Yapp Wid aged 68 formerly gardener born Canon Pyon, Hereford
Mary Ann Dau Unm aged 32 dressmaker born Bishopstone Hereford

No 2 William Knowles Widr aged 80 formerly glover born Hereford St Peters
William Knowles son Widr aged 38 Annuitant born Hampton Bishop
No 3 George Corner Mar aged 58 formerly bootmaker born Hereford St Nicholas
Anne wife aged 59 born Llanbaddorn, (Llanbadarn) Radnorshire
James Corner son Unm aged 26 General Clerk in Solicitor's Office
born Hereford St Owens
Josiah S Raisbeck Boarder aged 7 born Hereford All Saints
No 4 John Philips Mar aged 60 formerly dyer born Hereford All Saints
Sarah wife aged 59 Laundress born Mitcheldean Gloucs
No 5 Samuel Scaffull Mar aged 68 former wool weaver born Hereford All Saints
Mary wife aged 63 born Dinedor, Herefordshire
No 6 Joseph Yapp Mar aged 68 Tailor born Hereford All Saints
Lucy wife aged 66 born Hereford All saints
Thomas son Unm 35 Tailor born Hereford All Saints
Alban son Unm 27 Engine Cleaner born Hereford All Saints
George son Unm 23 Tailor born Hereford All Saints
Fanny L Dau Unm 20 dressmaker born Hereford All Saints
No 7 George Powell Wdr aged 77 formerly bootmaker born Hereford St Nicholas
Harriett Dau Unm aged 55 Laundress born Condon Middlesex
Fanny Powell Grand Dau 15 born Hereford All Saints
No 8 John Frost Mar aged 59 formerly Butler born Tiverton Devon
Elizabeth Wife 55 born Leigh Worcs
No 9 John Jones Mar aged 76 formerly publican born Titley, Herefordshire
Ann wife aged 67 born Little Hereford, Herefordshire
No 10 James Davies Mar aged 72 formerly mason born Hereford All Saints
Elizabeth Wife aged 74 born Hereford St John the Baptist
No 11 John Gwilym Mar aged 77 Chelsea Pensioner born Hereford St Johns
Elizabeth Wife aged 62 born Upton Bishop, Herefordshire
Mary A Potter niece Unm aged 15 born Ashperton Herefordshire
No 12 William Wilson Widr aged 85 formerly Sergeant of music born Hereford
Mary Hardman Dau Mar aged 59 dressmaker born Hereford
James Hardman son-in-Law Mar aged 62 Tailor born Hereford
Thomas Hardman grandson 11 Scholar born Hoarwithy Herefordshire
Thomas Hardman visitor Unm aged 31 Tailor born Worcester

It is interesting that several men were probably still working as tailors and the Sergeant of music and Chelsea Pensioner probably had army pensions and only John Frost a former butler was born outside Herefordshire. Some wives seem to have made a living still from occupations such as dressmaking and laundry work. The enumerator has marked no one as 'blind, deaf and dumb' in the right-hand section which of course some occupiers may well have been as indeed unmarried children without an occupation living with them could have had a disability. The oldest was 85 and the youngest 58.

Jean Thomson Membership No. 3644

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Proof-Reader of Herefordiensis

In the April journal I made an appeal for someone to replace me as Editor by May 2027, to my great surprise I have had an immediate reply from a member. That person was Hazel Richardson, who for some time has been my proof-reader.

Obviously that means we now need a proof-reader, if you think this would appeal to yourself, even if only for a short time, let me know.

This will be from May 2027.

Essentially this job involves receiving the journal from the current Editor, reading through the entire journal and sending any notes on alterations required back to the Editor. You will get access to the journal before all other members !

Between 2 and 4 hours, 4 times a year.

If you think you would like to volunteer for this or talk to me about any aspect of the above, email me at **philbufton@hotmail.com**

Extract from the Parish Register of Llandinabo 1785- 1812

10 October 1807 – James McKenzie, formerly a Captain in the Scotch Brigade in the pay of the States General of the United Provinces and late Captain in the 4th Regiment of Dutch Troops in the service of his Britannic Majesty, died in his lodgings at the Yew in this Parish on the 7th day of October and was buried on 10th of the same month.

It was understood that he was a native of the County of Cromartie in Scotland, and that his Merit obtained him the post he held in the army, having served in the ranks:

Transcribed by Joan Lawrence January 2026

Herefordshire Histories Festival website

Will remain open to any Herefordshire based historical organisation or person to add event onto the site all year round.

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Add your 2026 event at the link below.

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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.

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

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Henry Roe of Wellington, Herefordshire

Samuel ROE's story begins in the rural landscape of south Cheshire, where he was born into a large working family. The fourth of eight children, he was one of the seven sons of William Roe and Mary Richardson, a couple rooted in the villages around Cholmondeley. They were married in nearby Malpas on 28th March 1814, and like many families of the time, their lives were shaped by the search for steady work. Samuel was baptised on 14th October 1821 in Acton by Nantwich. His father, William, is recorded simply as a 'labourer' or 'agricultural labourer' - a title that suggests a life of hard, uncertain work.

It's likely that William moved his growing family from place to place across Cheshire, following whatever employment he could find. By the 1840s, Samuel had grown into that same world of physical labour. He became a navvy - one of the thousands of men who powered Britain's railway boom. In 1845, work began on the ambitious railway line from Chester to Holyhead, a vital link intended to connect London with Ireland. Samuel joined the workforce, helping carve the railway through all obstacles in its path. But Samuel's journey didn't follow the tracks all the way to Holyhead. Somewhere along the line, before reaching Anglesey or the great Menai Suspension Bridge - his life took a different turn. He met a Welsh girl Margaret LEWIS. That meeting changed everything. On 13th February 1847, Samuel and Margaret were married in Abergele. They began their life together there, and soon welcomed two children: Mary in November 1847, and William, my great-grandfather on 19th April 1849. By 1851, the young family had moved back into England, settling in Princess Street, Runcorn. Samuel had found work as a dock labourer, another demanding and uncertain occupation.

Around this time, a third child, Elizabeth, was born—but tragedy struck early, and she died before reaching her second birthday. Despite the hardship, Samuel remained tied to railway work. By 1852, he and Margaret had moved again, this time to Wellington in Herefordshire—where Samuel worked on the Shrewsbury to Hereford railway line. In a practical decision, their two surviving children, Mary and William, were left in Congleton, Cheshire with Samuel's brother Peter, a master chairmaker, and his wife Emma, who had no children of their own. Meanwhile, Samuel and Margaret's family continued to grow. Over the next decade, they had six more children: George (1854), Emma (1857), Elizabeth (1859, named in memory of the child they had lost, Margaret (1861), Henry (1863), and Peter (1864). Their baptisms were split between the parishes of Wellington and nearby Marden. The 1861 census captures a snapshot of this period. Samuel and Margaret were living at Wellington Crossing with young George and baby Elizabeth. Curiously, their daughter Emma, aged three, was staying nearby with a couple named James and Margaret Lewis. Whether this family was connected to Margaret's Welsh roots is uncertain, perhaps a clue lost to time.

In 1871 the family was still in Wellington, living at the Railway House near Turks Houses. Their son George had already begun working as a labourer, while the younger children attended school. Their daughter Margaret, however, had returned to Cheshire, living with her aunt and uncle in Congleton. Some time in the following years, the family moved north again—this time to the industrial area around Wigan. Why Wigan, and not the more familiar Congleton, remains a mystery.

The answer, most likely, is simple: work. Life, however, did not grow easier. On 19th May 1880, Margaret died at the age of 53. She was buried in Ince-in-Makerfield, near Wigan, far from her birthplace in Wales, and far from where her story with Samuel had begun. Samuel and Margaret had nine children, but their lives did not unfold in one place, nor in one way. Instead, their story is scattered across counties, oceans, and generations, leaving behind fragments of certainty and threads of mystery. Mary, born in Abergele in 1847, was the first to set down roots. In 1869 she married Samuel FISHER in Leek, Staffordshire, and together they raised five children (four to adulthood), four daughters and a son. Hers was a life of family and continuity, lived in one place. She died in 1911 in Leek. William, born in 1849, followed a different path, one shaped by industry. He married Mary GERRARD in Wigan in 1874, and they too had five children, two boys followed by three girls. William spent his working life maintaining colliery locomotives and their railways, part of the vast machinery of the Industrial Age. He died in Warrington in 1932.

But William's legacy ran deeper than his own life. His son John, my grandfather followed him onto the railways, continuing what became a four-generation tradition. Tragically, John's life ended in 1939 in a horrific accident when his oil-soaked overalls caught fire. His own son, my father, remained with the railways as well, becoming an expert on railway accidents, perhaps shaped by that very loss. A family bound to iron tracks, for better and for worse. Elizabeth, born in 1851, lived such a tiny little life, dying in Runcorn before her second birthday.

Then came the six children born later, in Wellington, Herefordshire, whose stories grow more uncertain, more scattered. George, born in 1854, slipped into family legend. It is said he emigrated to New Zealand under an assumed name and became a harbourmaster in Greymouth on the South Island. Records suggest he did reach New Zealand, but whether he truly rose to such a position remains unproven. The idea of a man from landlocked Herefordshire becoming a harbourmaster seems improbable... yet not impossible. Emma, born in 1857, lived a short and poignant life. She married her childhood sweetheart, James CLARKE, in Wigan in 1876, both just nineteen. They had two daughters, but happiness was brief. Emma died on 14th February (St Valentine's Day) 1882, not long after the birth of her second child. James remarried and continued to work as an engine driver in Ince, but Emma's story ends quietly, leaving behind two young daughters.

Another Elizabeth, born in 1859, led a life shaped by both resilience and loss. By 1881, she was still unmarried, running the household for her father and brothers. In 1885, she began a new chapter, marrying Cornelius Winrow in Liverpool. Together they welcomed a daughter but tragedy struck all too soon, Cornelius died in 1888, leaving Elizabeth widowed with a small child. Three years later, in Warrington, she married James SEED, and the couple went on to have a son, both of them building a second family. She died in 1913 in Warrington, leaving behind a life marked by both sorrow and steadfast determination. Margaret, known as Maggie, born in 1861, married John Davies DAVENPORT, a master carpenter and publican in Congleton in 1882. She died in there in 1927. They had seven children, but only four survived to adulthood—a stark reminder of how fragile life still was. Henry, born in 1863, stands apart. His story, is one worth telling in full, a life less ordinary, perhaps even remarkable. It follows below. And finally, Peter, born in 1864, who quite literally disappeared over the horizon. In 1890, in Liverpool, he signed on to the SS Orotava as a trimmer, a gruelling but essential job, managing coal in the ship's bunkers to keep her balanced and powered. It was the vessel's maiden voyage to Australia via the Suez Canal. After that, nothing more is known. Did he remain in Australia? Did he join George in New Zealand? Or did his story take another, undocumented turn? Some lives leave records; others leave only questions. Nine children. Some stayed, some left, some vanished into records or rumour. Together, they form a family story shaped by industry, migration, tragedy, and mystery, one that stretches far beyond its beginnings in Abergele and Herefordshire. Sources: Cheshire Record Office.

Civil registration. Census returns. Hereford Record office. Civil registration. Census returns. Lancashire Record Office, Preston. Civil registration. Warrington Museum and Art Gallery. Warrington Guardian. St Helens Rugby League Club. (Henry scored a try or two against St Helens). Family members from all branches of the family. My father, Arthur Roe, who enthusiastically embraced the family history research and kept detailed notes. Roe variants, Rowe, Wroe, Ray etc.

Henry Roe was born on 10 February 1863 in the quiet village of Wellington, Herefordshire. By the time of the 1871 census, he was eight years old and was attending school there, growing up among fields and farmland. But the calm rhythms of rural life would not last. In the years that followed, everything changed. The family moved north to Ince in Makerfield, near Wigan, trading open countryside for the smoke and noise of industrial Lancashire. One can only imagine what Henry made of it: the clatter of machinery, the soot-filled air, and the constant presence of the coal pits so different from the green landscapes of his childhood. He married Mary Ellen MILLER in Warrington in 1885 and they had a family of three sons William, Thomas and Henry. But his story is perhaps best told by the report of his death in the Warrington Guardian. I wonder, however, are there any descendants still in Herefordshire ?

WARRINGTON CONTRACTOR
KILLED

FATAL MOTOR-CYCLE SKID

"STEEPLEJACK'S" INTERESTING
CAREER

On Tuesday a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by at inquest held by the Liverpool City Coroner (Mr T. E. Sampson), on the body of Henry Rowe, chimney builder and contractor, 1 Plumpton street, Sankey Bridges, Warrington, who died in the Royal Infirmary from heart failure due to shock caused by injuries sustained through an accident with his motor-cycle and side-car on Sunday.

The deceased and two friends left Warrington with the motor-cycle, one riding in the side-car and the other on the carrier. When at Huyton the motor-cycle skidded or jumped, and the deceased and one of his friends leaned to the right to rectify the skid. The cycle, however, skidded further to the right and struck the kerb, deceased being thrown underneath the machine, his head apparently striking a water spout by a cottage. The two passengers were not seriously injured, but Mr. Rowe, on being taken to the Royal Infirmary, was found to have sustained a fractured skull and to have a piece of bone pressing on the brain. An operation was performed but deceased only survived a few minutes.

Mr. Rowe, who was a widower, having lost his wife about 14 years ago, was 52 years of age and was well known and highly respected. As a steeplejack and contractor he had successfully undertaken many difficult tasks, some of which were regarded as almost impossible. For some years he was engaged by the Pearson and Knowles Coal and Iron Company at Warrington and Wigan, and he always won the respect of his employers.

Mr. Rowe was well known in the world of sport, and for several years was prominently identified with the Warrington Rugby Football Club. He was a versatile player, and a more than ordinary half back, and assisted the first team on many occasions. In the matter of athletics, Mr. Rowe won many prizes in obstacle races, and throughout the South Lancashire district was regarded as one of the finest exponents in this particular branch of sport.

A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY

MEDAL PRESENTED BY THE LATE KING

He possessed remarkable courage, as evidenced by an incident which occurred at Warrington on the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria, when a procession of friendly society members and children took place. The Oddfellows were proceeding along Sankey-street and, Mr. Rowe, as a member of the Order, was carrying a flag. A horse, which had taken fright at Bank Quay railway station ran into Sankey-street, and was about to dash into a number of children in procession near the Park Gates, when Mr. Rowe, immediately grasping the situation, threw down his flag jumped at the horse's head and after a severe struggle brought it to the ground, with the result that the lives of many children were saved. He was, however, so badly injured that he had to be removed for treatment to the Infirmary, where he remained several weeks. On his recovery he was sent for to London and was presented by the late King Edward with a medal and certificate on recognition of his having performed one of the bravest acts of the year.

He was also the recipient of a present from Warrington.

*Warrington Guardian
19th June 1915*

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In search of Annie Puddle

I started looking into my family history when I was a child and pretty soon I came to my first real brick wall. Nearly 50 years later and that brick wall was still standing – where did my great grandmother, Annie PUDDLE, come from? With each new census release or each new certificate I bought, I thought this would be it, the wall would come tumbling down, but it didn't budge.

My grandfather's birth certificate from 1899 said his mother's maiden name was JONES, but my Dad said that the family always joked that her real name was Puddle. Naively, I searched for marriage certificates before my grandfather's birth but couldn't find anything that fitted. Then a cousin gave me a copy of entries in an old bible; one of these just said 'Married Oct 17th 1903'. So, on the off chance that this was Annie's wedding, I searched and sure enough found a marriage in 1903 between Albert Edward ROWBERRY and Annie Puddle – the family joke was true. Annie had already had four children and was about eight months pregnant with the next one by then; I've always wondered why they finally bothered to get married then. It turned out that for three of her eleven children's birth certificates she said her maiden name was Jones and for the rest it was Puddle.

Having found her real name, I thought it would be easy to trace her birth. But her marriage certificate had few clues – she'd put her father down as just Puddle, no first name. There were no Annie/Ann/Anne Puddles born in Herefordshire in the mid-1870s that would fit. There were of course lots of Ann Jones, but nothing to suggest they were my Annie. When the 1881 census came out, I found her, aged 5, as Annie Puddle, living as a boarder in Catherine Street, Hereford with an elderly lady called Eliza Jones. She was still with Eliza Jones in 1891, so at least I knew now why she sometimes used the surname Jones. By 1901, she was living with Albert Rowberry, calling herself Annie Rowberry even though they were not yet married. By 1911, they were claiming that they'd been married for 15 years, rather than 8 – presumably this sounded more respectable when they had a 13 year old son!

In all the censuses, she was said to have been born in Hereford, with the birth year varying from 1874 to 1876. The 1939 register says she was born in 1863, but I think this was a mistake and she meant she was 63 in 1939. On her death, in 1956, she was said to be 84, which would put her birth around 1872.

I've searched the birth registers and the parish registers, but there's no sign of an Annie born in Hereford in the 1870s under either the names of either Puddle or Jones that would fit. She doesn't appear in any school or workhouse records. There's nothing before her appearance on the 1881 census with old Eliza Jones. I've researched Eliza Jones' family but can't find any links between them and the Puddles. It looks like the old lady had just taken her in – either out of the goodness of her heart or perhaps she was paid to do so. I even started to wonder whether Annie Puddle was a foundling, perhaps found in a puddle?

There was a fairly large PUDDLE family in Herefordshire in the 19th century, but with no documented evidence to link them to Annie, I was stuck. But finally, a few years ago, a breakthrough. My sister and I took DNA tests with ancestry.com.

I am very lucky to have a friend who is a DNA expert and she helped me make sense of the results. I had a fairly strong match with someone whose great grandmother was one of the Puddles of Herefordshire. Searching through the DNA matches on ancestry.com and myheritage.com revealed 25 more matches descended from the Puddles of Herefordshire. So finally, I knew Annie was one of them.

By far and away the strongest match was the first one I'd found; descended from Jane Puddle. So it seemed likely that Annie was the daughter either of Jane or one of her three siblings. Of the four Puddle siblings, one son was too young to be her father in the mid-1870s. The other son was already married and living in Wales by 1875 so was unlikely to have been in Hereford in the mid-1870s having children. So that left Annie being the daughter of either Jane or her sister, Fanny Puddle. There was a DNA match with a descendant of Fanny, but it was much weaker than that with the descendant of Jane. Jane Puddle was known to be in Hereford in the mid-1870s as she had her first confirmed child there in 1877.

So I think, in all probability, Jane Puddle was the mother of my Annie. It looks like she had Annie sometime around 1875, before she settled down and married James NURSE. Presumably since she didn't take Annie with her when she married, James wasn't her father. So that still leaves me with the question of who Annie's father was, but after nearly 50 years, it still feels like a major achievement to have identified Annie's mother. Annie is now linked into a big Puddle family going back as far as the 1750s. It's possible I know more about her family now than she ever did. I may never find out who her father was, but at least I've found some family for her.

Nicky Rowberry



Louise Henrietta Luard **First Lady Mayor of Hereford in 1930**



While working in the Hereford cemetery checking and updating the memorials I came across the gravestone of Louise Henrietta LUARD. As I live relatively near to Luard Walk it sparked my interest: was there a connection and who was Louise Henrietta LUARD

Image from Hereford Histories

On closer inspection I could see that the top half of the gravestone was dedicated to Lt Col E. B. Luard. Husband of Louise Henrietta Luard, as this is a very uncommon surname in Herefordshire I decided to dig a little deeper into the archives. Their marriage in 1905 is the only Luard marriage in the Herefordshire FHS marriage indexes, so their origins are not local. She was born on the 16th of January 1873 in South Kensington, the daughter of Sidney L. SMITH and Frances

his wife, who is listed as being a Peer's daughter in the 1881 census. Also listed are brothers Sidney and Robert and sister Florence, together with a Governess and four servants.

By 1891 the family is now living in Cathedral Close, Hereford, Sidney L Smith is listed as being Canon of Hereford Cathedral and Rector of Brampton Ash in Northamptonshire. By this time their servant numbers have grown to six.

The marriage certificate tells us that Louise H SMITH married Edward B Luard on the 15th of February 1905 at Hereford Cathedral.

Herefordshire FHS Marriage Index

Parish	Register No	Entry No	Person No1 Christian	Person No1 Surname	Marriage Date	Person No2 Christian	Person No2 Surname
Hereford Cathedral	2	064	EDWARD B	LUARD	15/02/1905	LOUISE H	SMITH

Her husband Edward BOURRYAU Luard DSO, was born on the 13th September 1870 at St Leonards-on-Sea, his father was Maj Gen Sir Richard George Amherst Luard, his mother Hannah CHAMBERLIN. Edward came from an established

military family. He joined the British Army in 1891 at the age of 21 years. His military career records he was educated at Clifton College and his height is given as 5' 9 ½" tall. At the Royal Military College he gained a special certificate in Riding and Gymnastics, and was trained in musketry and signalling. At the time of their marriage he was the Adjutant of the 4th Bn Kings Shropshire Light Infantry (KSLI) He was killed on the Ypres peninsula, being mortally wounded during action to retake the Ypres Langemark trenches at Morteldje Estaminet on 21 Apr 1916. He died of his wounds at the Casualty Clearing Station at Lijssenthoek, west of Ypres on 24 Apr 1916. He was mentioned in despatches three times. He is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Arrondissement Ieper, West Flanders, Belgium.

Following her husband's death in 1916, Mrs Luard founded the KSLI Prisoners-of-war fund, acted as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the scheme. After the war she inaugurated a benefit scheme for the KSLI regiment and gave a handsome donation in memory of her husband.

In 1920 she was awarded the MBE for services during WW1. In 1929 she became the first Lady Mayor of Hereford, in 1931 the council named in her honour a street called Luard Walk, under the heading of Hunderton Housing Estate, naming of streets, "The committee have to report that they have given consideration to the question of the naming of the four thoroughfares on this estate and have decided as to three of these to name them after Aldermen ROGERS, WALLIS and WITTS, and the pathway adjoining the River after Councillor Mrs LUARD M.B.E".

Becoming Lady Mayor again in 1936 and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1938.



In the 1939 register, she is living in Cantilupe Street in Hereford and has re-named her house Bourryau, in memory of her late husband. Also at the residence are Dorothy SMITH, William KIDD, Butler and Mary KIDD, Cook.

Louise is listed as being Air Raid Patrol warden (ARP), as is William KIDD, Mary KIDD is listed as being Women's Voluntary Service (WVS)

During WW2 she worked on behalf of the KSLI Comforts Committee, of which she was Secretary and Treasurer and on behalf of the movement for providing comforts for prisoners of war. Also she was Chair of the Prisoners of War Sub Committee of the Herefordshire joint committee of the British Red Cross and the Order of St John, also serving on the Herefordshire War pensions committee.



Mrs Louise Henrietta Luard OBE and J.P. died at Hereford on June 21st 1945 and is buried in Hereford Cemetery, the memorial is a Celtic cross, 3 pedestals and a single kerbstone..

Phil Bufton. Membership No 1086

CORONERS INQUESTS. 1827

While trolling through my own personal archives I came across a list of inquests for 1827 which for some reason I recorded many years ago. (possibly for the Journal and never used) I thought they might be of interest to our members - you never know you might find a name that appears on your family tree. (Continued from April 2026)

- 10th Aug William DYER – sudden natural death in the County Gaol,
11th August. Phillip HATTON of Weston under Penyard – sudden natural death.
17th August. Ann Pritchard of Ross on Wye - died of apoplexy as a result of the stinging of a wasp on her neck.
- 4th Sept. Philip OWEN of Canon Pyon – found dead in the road, cause of death unknown.
- 7th Sept James COLLIER of Lugwardine – natural death.
18th Sept. George KERWOOD – natural death in the County Gaol.
18th Sept. A newborn female child in Llanwarne – found dead in an outhouse or barn not known whether stillborn or died afterwards
19th Sept. Thomas GALLETT of Tarrington -natural causes.
22nd Sept. Philip DALLY of Lucton., aged 8 years – burnt to death when the straw hut in which he was sleeping caught fire.
- 27th Oct Mary ROSE of Colwall – found dead in the churchyard, cause unknown.
27th Oct Elizabeth BURRUP of Much Marcle – accidentally burnt to death when her clothes caught fire.
- 19th Nov. Elizabeth FARMER of Moreton Jeffries – died from taking arsenic, unknown whether it was taken knowingly or not.
27th Nov. Frances HUGHES of Goodrich, aged 4 years – accidentally burnt to death when her clothes caught fire.
29th Nov. William NOTLEY of Staunton-on-Arrow – natural death.
- 6th Dec. William CONSTABLE of Sutton St. Nicholas – natural death.
20th Dec. Williams MATTHEWS of Coddington – found drowned in a pond.
20th Dec. William ADDIS of Much Birch – drowned when he accidentally fell from his horse into a hole in a quarry
31st Dec. William PARSONS of Ross on Wye – sudden natural death.

Sad that in one year alone 6 children died as a result of their clothes catching fire. These Coroners Inquests were extracted from the papers of William PATESHALL whilst he was Coroner. The HARC ref is A/95.

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Parish Profile of Monnington on Wye

Parish records deposited in Hereford Record Office within the HARC are from 1684-1995 for baptisms, 1684-1932 for marriages and 1684-1812 for burials.

General Research items include records on a wide variety of subjects including: Monnington Court information and photograph, Monnington Mill correspondence 1811-1812, Parsonage House, papers for building in 1826 and later alterations, Rights of Way particulars for 1952, the Monnington Oak, a Country Life article in 1902 and photograph of the oak, visitations presentment for 1716, Women's Institute village history 1952-1977. Highways alterations for 1854, plans of the parish 1838 and 1894, 19c childhood recollections, notes on the church and parish, King Charles cottage sale particulars, land tax from 1781, inc 1910 and 1917. Farm valuations for Morris Farm 1799, Skirm's Farm 1799, Dairy House Farm 1815 and Monnington Court Farm in 1800.

Monnington Court is now and has been since February 1975 the foundation stud for the British Morgan Horse Society. My wife Heather and I were early members of this society. Phil Bufton



Monnington-on-Wye St Mary

Monnington Church, this photo was taken in 2002.

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Herefordshire FHS Zoom Meetings Programme for 2026

Friday 17th April - Jenny Malin

Five Generations of a British Raj Family

A complete insight how five generations of a family lived as Domiciled Anglo Indians with British ancestry on both sides of the family for almost two hundred years in India during the British Raj.

**Friday 15th May - Paul Wilkins—How to trace your Family History
(This talk did not take place due to the speaker being ill, it will be re-scheduled for 2027)**

At short notice Clare O’Grady gave a presentation on The Parish Chest

Friday 19th June - Bill Laws

The Herefordshire P.O.W

From Cathedral organist Percy Hull, banged up at the Kaiser’s pleasure in Germany in 1914, to Panzerwaffe Manfred Klein, held briefly in Tupsley before becoming a stockman at the Vern, Marden in 1945, *The Herefordshire POW* looks at the men, women and children, held against their will during two world wars.

Friday 17th July - Kelly Cornwell

Transportation to Tasmania

Exploring English and Australian records to help you discover more about your female convict ancestors; demonstrated via the case study of a young girl from Shoreditch, her conviction, transportation and ensuing escapades in Tasmania.

Friday 21st August - Frances Hurd - Secrets and Lies

Every family has its secrets -- and their impact can last for several generations.

Friday 18th September

Jude Rhodes – My Grandfather’s Asylum Life

My grandfather lived in an asylum for over forty years, years after his death I applied to access his records, this is the story.

Friday 16th October

John Titterton – Making the most of a Will.

This talk considers the deceased, the testators, the bequests, other documents and records and how combining information from more than one will produce surprising results.

**The 2026 Zoom speakers are now publicised on the website,
register and you will then receive the Newsletter.**

Bromyard & District Local History Society

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

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Cradley Heritage Group

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

<http://www.cradleyvillagehall.org.uk/heritage.htm>

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Fownhope Local History Group

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<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/local-history-group>

Kington History Society

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

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Leintwardine History Society

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<https://leintwardinehs.wordpress.com/>

Linton & District Local History Society

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All meetings at Linton Village Hall

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

Longtown Historical Society.

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Weobley & District Local History Society

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

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

Woolhope Club

Contact: Mr D. Whitehead. 60, Hafod Road, Hereford. HR1 1SQ

davidwhitehead055@gmail.com

Founded in 1851, The Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, covers the archaeology, history and the natural history of Herefordshire. Also Archaeological Research Section & Natural History Section Membership £13-00 per year, Joint £15-00, Student £2-00

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

Midland Ancestor (formerly BMSGH)

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

Gloucestershire FHS

www.gfhs.org.uk

Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester, Glous. GL1 3AH

Gwent FHS

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

www.gwentfhs.info

Montgomeryshire GS

Sec: Mrs Chris Roach.

38 Chepstow Avenue, Guilsfield, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9NB

<http://www.montgomeryshiregs.org.uk/>

Powys FHS

www.powysfhs.org.uk

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

Contact: philbufton@hotmail.com

Shropshire FHS

Sec: Mr Dave Morris, 48 Oakley Street, Bellevue, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 7JY

Email: secretary@sfhs.org.uk

www.sfhs.org.uk

Malvern Family History Society

Sec: Mrs Jean Evans

secretary@mfhs.org.uk

www.mfhs.org.uk

Despite our name, we cover the whole of Worcestershire. In 2026, we hope to have our monthly meetings at the Malvern Cube, Albert Road North, Malvern WR14 2YF opening at 1900 for a 1930 start, on the fourth Wednesday of the month and via Zoom, but it is best to check the website!

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

www.familyhistoryfederation.com

See www.fhswales.org.uk/ for information on societies in Wales

Correspondence

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

Herefordshire FHS Burial Index

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

The period 1813-1839 is now complete and available via webshop PDF.

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

NBI Co-ordinator - Linda Lloyd **linda_lloyd@btinternet.com**

ALL Completed entries for any particular Parish are now to be found on FindMyPast (FMP) site. www.findmypast.co.uk

Help Wanted

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

Herefordshire Strays Index

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

So what is a Stray ?

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

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

www.herefordshirefhs.org.uk

Herefordshire Registrar Indexes

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

Births : 1837 - 1924 £15

Births: Name, Date of Birth, Mother's Maiden Name & Registrar Reference.

Marriages: 1837 - 1964 £25

Marriages: Name of both parties, Place and Date of Marriage, Register, Entry No

Deaths: 1837 - 1974 £10

Deaths: Surname, Forename, Date of Death, Age & Registrar Reference.

The agreement also includes permission for an extra year to be added to the indexes each January.

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