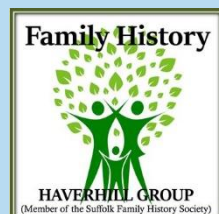




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SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - Registered Charity No 1087748

Next Meeting:

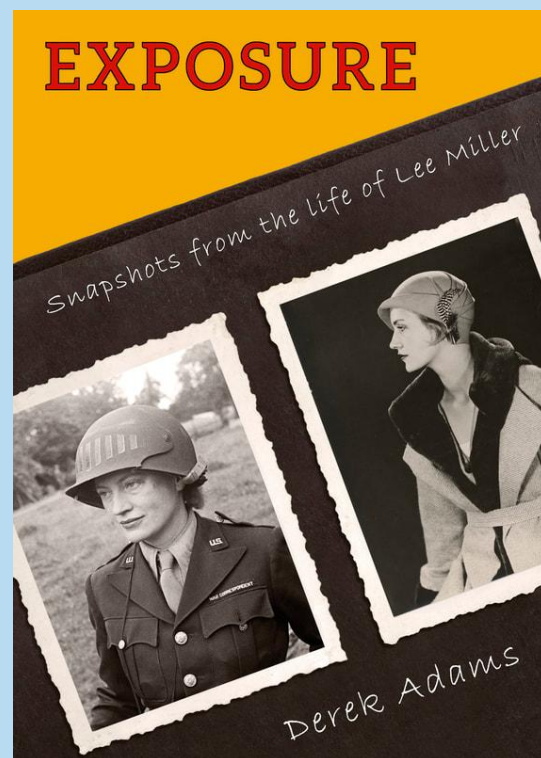
Thursday 12th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall



SNAPSHOTS FROM THE LIFE OF LEE MILLER with Derek Adams

From the book 'Exposure' written by Derek the presentation focuses on the extraordinary life of the American photographer Lee Miller, model, muse, photographer and WW2 war correspondent. The book of poems do not form a comprehensive biography, but rather form an album of snapshots taken from events in Lee Miller's life, her photographs and the artworks she inspired.



We were sorry to hear of the passing of one of our members, Richard Hart who sadly lost his battle with illness.

Richard was well known locally, particularly for his music. Many will miss hearing him play the church organ at St Mary's Church

where he has been the musical director for many years.



Besides being involved in many other activities and groups in the town, Richard also found time to actively support our group. Serving on our committee for many years he always made himself available to help out at meeting nights, local events and when we went into schools, encouraging the students to sing songs that he had composed for the workshops. I will always remember the young students singing his 'Weaving song' and also another class who following a workshop at the Arts Centre went walking back to school all singing 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

RIP Richard

Richard's memorial will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 5th March in St Mary's Church following a private family service at the crematorium.

Suffolk Family History Society News

Have you checked out the new look of the SFHS website?

[Suffolk Family History Society](https://www.suffolkfamilyhistorysociety.org/)



If you are a member or wish to become a member of the SFHS membership is due on the 1st April 2026. Visit [Membership | Suffolk Family History Society](#) for more details.

Zoom talk

23rd March Robert Halliday An A To Z Of Bench Ends In Suffolk Churches **The link to register for Robert's talk is on the website** [Link to page about Robert Halliday's talk](#)

LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026



THE WALTON FAMILY

**OUR SPEAKER TONIGHT WILL BE
CHARMIAN THOMPSON**

Step into the world of the Walton family — a saga woven with triumph and tragedy. From the battlefields of the Peninsular War to the distant outposts of the army in India, their journey spans continents and centuries. Inheritances shaped fortunes, while ties to slavery in Barbados cast shadows. At the heart of it all, stands a grand house in a quiet hamlet... and the crack of leather on willow. Howzat!

**LINTON VILLAGE HALL
COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.**

Refreshments and Raffle

Visitors and new members always welcome

Pleased to announce that our Secretary, Charmian Thompson, is giving a talk at Linton Village Hall on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm.

If you have not heard her presentation on the Walton family of Haverhill and wish to go along, I can assure you that you will receive a warm welcome.

The Society of Genealogists (SoG)

The Society now has a new website, including a new exciting Learning Hub. Click on this [link to view Learning Hub – Society of Genealogists](#)

Where to start : If you are not sure where to begin, here are a few easy ways to explore the Learning Hub:

- Use the search box to look up a topic you are researching right now
- Search for your favourite speaker name
- Browse by category to discover recorded talks and online guides
- Check out the 'You Might Like...' section within each individual video or guide and browse the suggestions

Haverhill Family History Group

2026 Programme of Meetings & Events

12 Mar	Snapshots from the life of Lee Miller	Derek Adams
9 Apr	A Sign of the times	Sarah Doig
14 May	AGM The change in your pocket	Charmian Thompson
11 June	“The Development of Helicopters”	Duncan Bickley
July	Visit (TBC)	Must Book
10 Sept	Paranormal East Anglia Suffolk	Mike Wabe
Sat 19 Sept (TBC)	OPEN DAY at Haverhill Library (CB9 8HB) 10am – 3pm (TBC)	Ourselves
8 Oct	A glimpse into the life of a Registrar of Births Deaths & Marriages	Kim Case
12 Nov	Restoring a Lancaster	Kelly Bennett + 1
10 Dec	Christmas Quiz A light-hearted social evening with refreshments	Ourselves