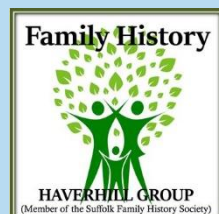




NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - Registered Charity No 1087748

Next Meeting:

Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall

Paranormal Suffolk with Mike Wabe

We welcome back Mike, who will tell of the legends and folklore surrounding the supernatural occurrences in Suffolk.

Hear about encounters with ghostly beings and learn what you might expect to experience before the appearance of a ghost!

You may not be afraid of the dark, but you really should be afraid of what is IN the dark!



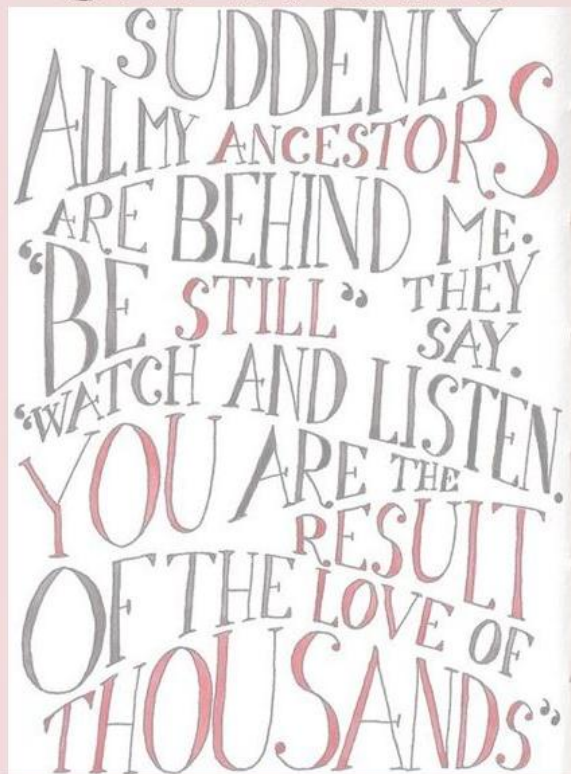
Mike Wabe, always a very popular speaker, will I'm sure entertain us in his own charismatic and captivating way.



Open/Research Day

Haverhill Family History Group

OPEN DAY



We are hosting an Open/Research day at the Haverhill Library on Saturday 19th September 2026 between 10am-2pm.

Take the opportunity to come along and meet some of our experienced researchers who hopefully will be able to breakdown some of those walls you have encountered whilst doing your family history.

Also, a great opportunity for beginners to get some advice and encouragement to start their research.

Everyone welcome, no need to book and all free!

Genealogy
without sources is
Mythology

Events you might be interested in:-



Silent Witness: The 1940 Weekend

When: 19th to 20th September

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Suitable for: 10 Upwards

Venue: The Old School, The Green,
Long Melford CO10 9DX

Journey back to the tense summer of 1940 at The Old School, Long Melford. In association with Heritage Open Days, Long Melford Heritage Centre brings the reality of the Home Front to life in a multi-faceted exhibition which explores the atmosphere of uncertainty following Dunkirk, when Britain faced the very real threat of invasion.

Witness a full-scale replica pillbox illumination as atmospheric soundscapes recreate the whine and rumble of fighter aircraft overhead. View historic WWII vehicles, meet the 10th Battalion Suffolk Home Guard living history group and step inside a recreation of Captain Mainwaring's HQ, capturing both the humour and patriotism of the era.

A key highlight will be the work of Suffolk photographer Mick Cant. Cant's evocative and haunting images provide a powerful contemporary perspective capturing the drama of pillboxes in the local landscape, resisting the ravages of time. Built hastily during the summer of 1940, as the Battle of Britain raged in the skies, pillboxes reflect a time of immense national vulnerability. Come and learn all about them, why they were built and what they stood for in the summer of 1940.

Families can enjoy hands-on activities before relaxing in the 'NAAFI' tearoom—the vital social hub that boosted wartime community spirit.

This immersive, multi-sensory exhibition experience serves as a powerful tribute to resilience, connecting modern audiences with the everyday histories that shaped the Stour Valley during Britain's most challenging hour

Haverhill Local History Museum's monthly meetings resume again after their Summer break when on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Sharman Room (Studio) at the Haverhill Arts Centre, **Charmian Thompson** will be presenting 'Education in Haverhill'.

So how did we arrive at the education system we are familiar with today? Come and find out about before and after the Board Schools.



EVERYONE WELCOME Member £2 Non-Members £3 includes refreshments.

Haverhill Family History Group

2026 Programme of Meetings & Events

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, Marriages & Deaths	Kim Case
12 Nov	Restoring a Lancaster	Kelly Bennett + 1
10 Dec	Christmas Quiz A light-hearted social evening with refreshments	Ourselves

Wednesday afternoons, help with your Research at Haverhill Library 2 - 4pm

Guided use of the Internet, especially for newcomers or those 'stuck'

telephone 01440 848095 to book your place