



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1087748

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall

Restful Corners

with Charmian Thompson

A light-hearted look at last resting places. Join us as we explore last resting places and find out what we can learn about people beyond a death certificate. Promises to be an interesting, informative and entertaining evening.

(Note replaces original presentation 'It's on the cards' with Vanessa Mann)

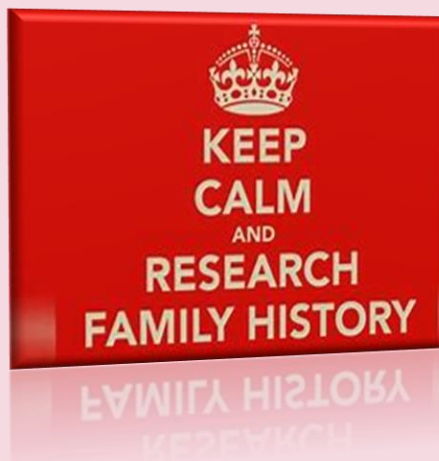


Found on Facebook – Made me smile.



*Research day at Haverhill Library
Saturday 28th September*

Are you just starting out or need help with your research? Come along and meet our friendly team who will be waiting to assist. No need to book.



Family History Day
at
Haverhill Library

Saturday 28th September 10am-2pm

WHO ARE YOU?

Discover your Family History

Free Help - Beginners or if Stuck

All Counties Covered

All Welcome – No need to book

What can you discover?

Haverhill Family History Group

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY (Haverhill Group)

A food convoy on the road

A recent addition to my WW1 postcard collection is this one showing a food convoy on the road that was probably printed for Christmas 1915.



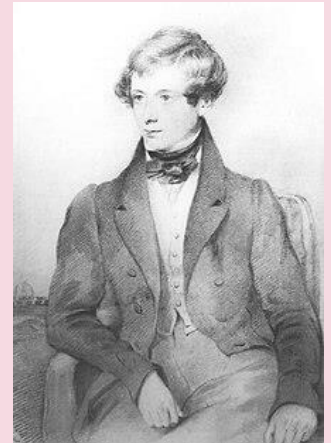
I prefer to buy postally used postcards and this one has a Field Post Office postmark dated 4 May 16. It was sent by George to his mother at 37 Prince Consort's Cottages, Windsor. The people are always interesting but in this instance so was the address.





Here is a more recent photo showing the Prince Consort's Cottages. They were completed in 1855.

The architect was Henry Roberts (right) in consultation with Albert, Prince Consort.

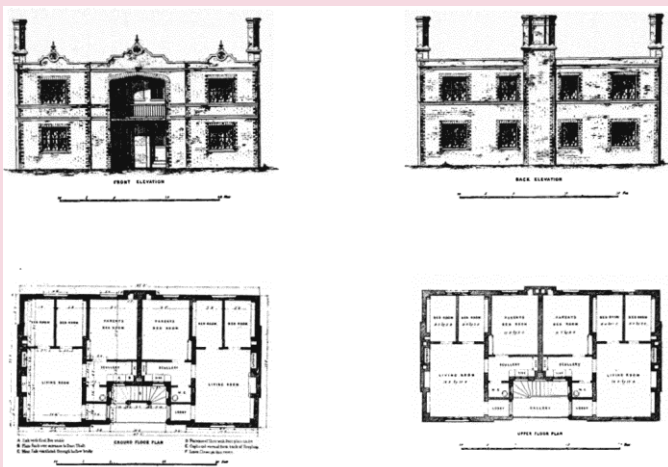


The buildings are a group of simple gabled red brick cottages grouped in pairs or threes arranged around a green. They have 2 storeys with either gabled attics or gabled dormers and slate roofs.

As the name implies, the cottages were built under the direction of Albert, Prince Consort whose practical interest in farming led to many improvements being carried out on the Royal Farms. His farms became models of efficiency and animal husbandry was of a high standard, but he was also committed to improving living conditions for his farm workers. He built houses for his workers on various Royal Estates.

The Society for Improving the Condition of the Labouring Classes was established in 1844 with Albert the Prince Consort as its President and Henry Roberts, its Honorary Architect. They were pioneers in the improvement of working-class housing.

One of the buildings designed by Henry Roberts for Prince Albert was built for the Great Exhibition of 1851 and this was later transferred to Kennington Common where it still stands.



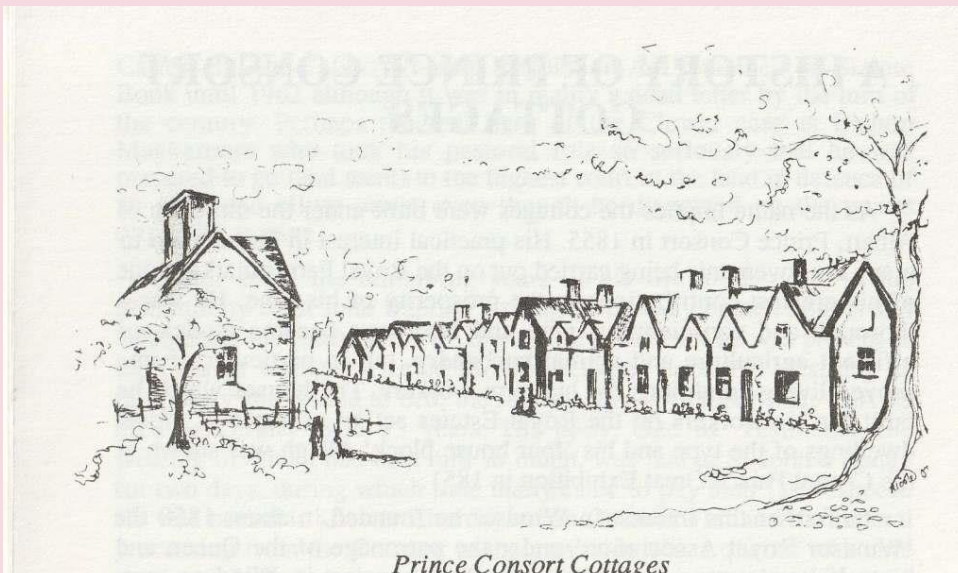
Prince Consort's Model Lodge (1851-2. Henry Roberts, architect) now at Kennington Common.

About 1850 Prince Albert founded the 'Windsor Royal Association' under the patronage of the Queen and himself with the aim of promoting the improvement of housing in Windsor.

Nearly 8½ acres of freehold land between the Long Walk and the Barracks, was purchased by the Association from the Department of Woods and Forests for £287.19s.3d. This Windsor estate would accommodate about 40 families in two rows of houses facing one another with each having a garden.

The houses were designed by Henry Roberts, R.S.A. who incorporated the ideas and requirements featured in the Prince Consort's 'model cottages'. The Estate is one of the earliest model housing schemes and is unique in many respects. Similar designs were subsequently used on other royal estates.

The construction was experimental, making use of a 'large red hollow' brick as an early form of cavity walling, with the aim of reducing damp and moisture. As a fire safety measure the use of timber was reduced and cement, slate and metal were all used extensively.



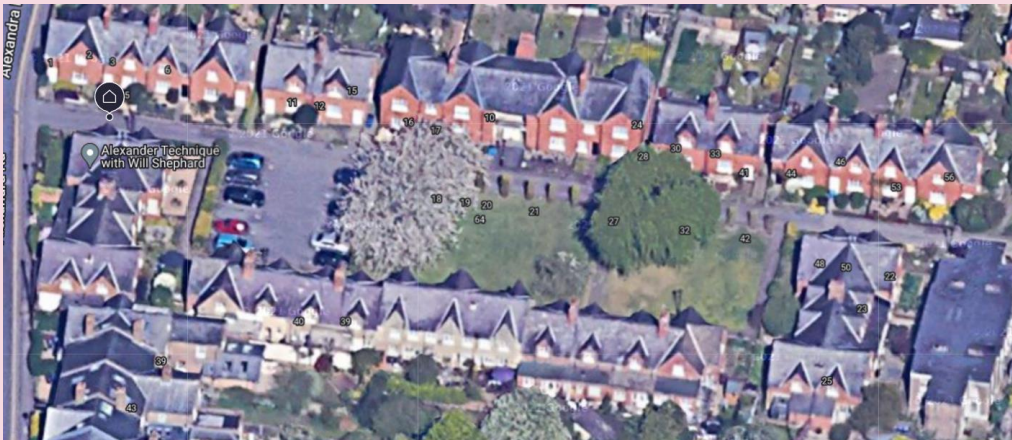
Prince Consort Cottages

Having chosen the design, Prince Albert took an active interest in their construction, frequently walking from nearby Windsor Castle to watch the builders at work. Rumour has it that the Prince often took refreshments with the early residents.

The residents were encouraged to keep their homes tidy and cottagers were rewarded with monetary prizes that were presented by Prince Albert himself and after his death, the Queen.

Fast forward to 1969 when the Estate was purchased by Trevor Osborne. Although the designs were advanced for 1855, by modern standards the amenities provided at the cottages were, as you can imagine, somewhat primitive and the task of providing all the modern conveniences while retaining the character of the original Estate was a challenge.

The exteriors were preserved virtually intact although the slate roofs needed to be replaced. The front gardens and central grounds were re-arranged to give a more spacious appearance allowing for car parking which is a necessity.



In 1977, after 120 years of being rental properties, individual cottages were offered for sale.

This unique Estate is now a conservation area and each cottage is listed as a building of Historic and Architectural Interest.



Cottages built by a prince

COTTAGES designed and built by Albert the Prince Consort have just come onto the open market — for the first time in their 122-year history.

Originally, Prince Consort Cottages, at Windsor, set an example for modern housing for farm workers.

It was Albert's practical interest in the royal farms and in improved living conditions that spurred him on to build them.

But now the present owners, who bought the nine blocks in 1980, have decided that the time has come to split them up.

"It is with regret that we have decided that individual properties will be sold as they become vacant," said Mr Trevor Osborne. "The reason for the sale is simply the inequalities imposed by the Socialist imposition of further rent acts."

In 1850, the three-and-a-half acre site sold for a grand total of £287 19 shillings and 3 pence. Now the cottages are expected to fetch in the order of £15,000 each.

Since then of course, they have been modernised. The exteriors are virtually intact and the gardens and central grounds — all the cottages are arranged around a quadrangle — have been reshuffled to give a more spacious appearance and allow for car parking.

But the site is now officially a conservation area and each cottage is listed as being of historic and architectural interest.

To make sure they remain worthy of that status, the current owners have carefully drawn up a management scheme for future occupants.

Speyhawk Ltd, of Acre House, Bachelors Acre, are handling the sale.

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Reading Evening Post

Charmian Thompson

Suffolk Family History Society News

ZOOM TALKS

2nd Sept: We welcome **Jackie Depelle** whose talk will be on **"Ideas for researching non-conformists"**

Register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NonConform24>

The following months we have....

7th Oct **David Annall**, talking about **"Bringing it up to date: Research in the 20th Century"**

Register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/20thCenturyResearch>

18th Nov **"Voices from the Workhouse"** with **Janette Robinson**

Suffolk FHS Fair 19th October 2024

The event takes place at The HOLD (Suffolk Archives), Ipswich Waterfront (opposite the University of Suffolk) 131 Fore Street , IP4 1LE. From 10:00 to 4:30 p.m. Entry and all the talks are free.

We have 3 talks there which will be recorded and put onto the members pages when available. The theme for the talks is Suffolk farming ...

- Ian Waller - **My Ancestor Was an agricultural labourer**
- Dr Harvey Osborne - **"The Last Revolt"** of the Agricultural Labourers - The Swing Riots in Suffolk and Norfolk 1830.
- Julie Johnson - **The Suffolk trinity:** Unravelling Ancestral Ties to Suffolk's county animals and a family connection

The fair will also have many stalls/displays from family history and related organisations

Parking is available nearby - particularly on Ipswich Waterfront. To find out more about parking go to The Ipswich Borough website (<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/carparks>).

Other local events

**LINTON & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2024



Eglantyne Jebb –
The woman who saved the children
Presented by Margaret Woodley

LINTON VILLAGE HALL
COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.
Refreshments and Raffle
Visitors and new members always welcome

 The next meeting at the
Local History Museum will
feature a presentation about

The History

of some of Haverhill's art and artists

 **ALL WELCOME** 

Join us in the Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre
on Wednesday, 20th September, 2024
at 7.30pm

Members £2, non members £3
(includes refreshments)

2024 Programme of Meetings & Events

Usually, 2nd Thurs of the month, **unless stated otherwise**, start 7.30 pm,

Old Independent Church Hall (**CB9 9EF**), members £1 visitors £2.50 inc. tea/coffee

NB members £2, visitors £3 from September 2024.

Sat 28 Sept	OPEN DAY at Haverhill Library (CB9 8HB) 10am – 2pm	Ourselves
10 Oct	Harvest time and Horsemen's' memories, rural life in 1900	Ashley Cooper
14 Nov	Please note change to programme A Century at the Cenotaph	Lyndsay Knight and Taff Gillingham
12 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