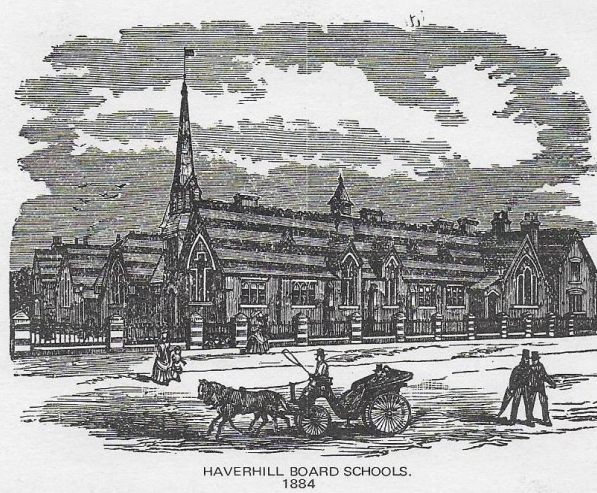




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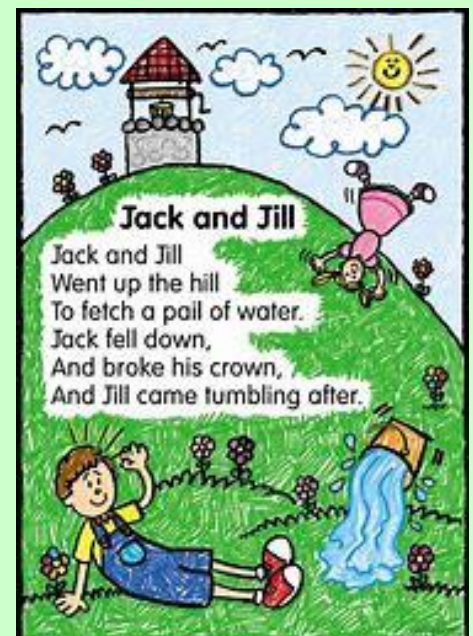
Next Meeting:

Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Old Independent Church Hall

Nursery Rhymes

We will be exploring the origins of nursery rhymes. They may not be as innocent as you think! Come and join us to hear some interesting accounts of the rhymes we teach our children! Everyone welcome.



2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a great Christmas and are now looking forward to a new year of opportunities.



We had a great turnout for our annual fun quiz in December. The 'Wild bunch' just pipped our guest team from the OIC. It was great to welcome our friends from the Sudbury group and

Chairman of the Suffolk Family History Society, Andy Kerridge, who also supported the event.

Thanks go to all those who helped on the night, especially Jenny who helped set up prior to the event. Thanks also go to the splendid 'pre-match' entertainment by Richard and to those who donated raffle prizes. Last of all to Charmian who worked hard prior to and on the night, arranging the refreshments, purchasing the prizes, collecting entrance fees and marking the papers!

Suffolk Family History Society News:-

Tuesday 28th January Learn how **AI can be used in Family History**, from writing biographies, collating research, creating images, analysing data and much more. Andrew Redfern, from Sydney, Australia has extensive experience with utilising AI, having shared his insights and techniques with many groups across the globe. Use this link to register <https://tinyurl.com/AI4FamilyHistory>

Anniversaries to watch out for in 2025

8th May 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe. VE (Victory in Europe) Day 1945 was meant to be an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering to the populations of entire countries.

People rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of total war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.

There were probably semi-muted celebrations in Haverhill as so many of the menfolk were still caught up in the war that still raged in the East.

15th August 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of end of the conflict in the East when people celebrated Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day 15th August 1945) which signalled the end of the Second World War.

A couple of snippets from Alan Wingfield

- ❖ When I was working with Cambridge City Council as their drainage officer, I managed Hobsons' Brook, named after the very named said gentleman and philanthroper. I managed to get myself knocked out when entering the monument shown on the wiki page, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Hobson_\(postal_carrier\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Hobson_(postal_carrier))
- ❖ Back in the late 1970's after having just passed my driving test, I drove a pal up to Borley from where we lived in Enfield to visit the Rectory, which we couldn't find, even after getting directions from a heavily bearded local man, who, promptly vanished seconds later??? It was not until we got back home when my pal's dad told us it had been demolished during the war. That night my car was also stolen, along with it my zenith camera and lenses....

Note to self - Always check your facts before travelling.

Family History and Genealogy Research

Our weekly help sessions at the Haverhill library resume on the 22nd January 2025 between 2-4pm. Anyone wishing to attend please call the Library on 01440 848095.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Alan Bumpstead and his band of helpers who have worked tirelessly throughout the past year to help those researching their family history. These sessions could not take place without their commitment.

Remember When Trivia for Seniors

Before there were:

Computers – you used an encyclopedia, atlas, and dictionary.

Credit Cards – you paid for everything with cash.

Mobile phones – your phone hung on the wall and had an extremely long cord (always tangled). And you had to dial it with your fingers in a little round disc.

Remember when there were door-to-door salesmen?

You'd go to meet your friends on the corner to have ice cream from an ice cream truck.

Your milk, eggs, and other dairy products were delivered by a milkman.

There was no swearing on TV.

You found phone numbers in a phone book.

Used a paper map for directions.

Needed an operator to place a long-distance call.

You got your first black and white television (TV). You had to adjust the TV antenna to get a good signal, used aluminium foil to get a better signal.

Remember when you could ride your bike without a helmet and drive in a car without a seatbelt?

Playing outside all day and only coming in when the streetlights came on.

Walking to school.

Using roller skates that had a key.

Wringer washing machines.

The corner store had buckets of penny candy.

Easy Bake Ovens.

G.I. Joe action figures.

Smoking on airplanes, in restaurants, literally almost anywhere. YUCK!

Eating TV dinners in front of the TV only on Sunday nights.

Reading a newspaper.

Drinking orange-flavored powdered Tang.

Watching the first man, Neil Armstrong, walk on the moon.

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2025 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.

9 Jan 2025	Nursery Rhymes	Ourselves
13 Feb 2025	Eglantyne Jebb British Social Reformer who founded the Save the Children organization at the end of WW1	Margaret Woodley
13 Mar 2025	Breaking the Law and Transportation	Charmian Thompson
10 Apr 2025	It happened here in Suffolk	Pip Wright
15 May 2025*	AGM By George what style	Francis Saltmarsh
12 June 2025	The Mayflower	Cathy Shelbourne
July 2025	<i>Visit (TBC)</i>	<i>Must Book</i>
11 Sept 2025	History of Art	Edel Pinnock
9 Oct 2025	Borley Rectory the most haunted house in England	Bryan Thurlow
13 Nov 2025	CWGC	Mac Macdonald
11 Dec 2025	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

***Note date changed from our normal meeting night (i.e. from the 2nd Thursday to the 3rd Thursday of the month).**