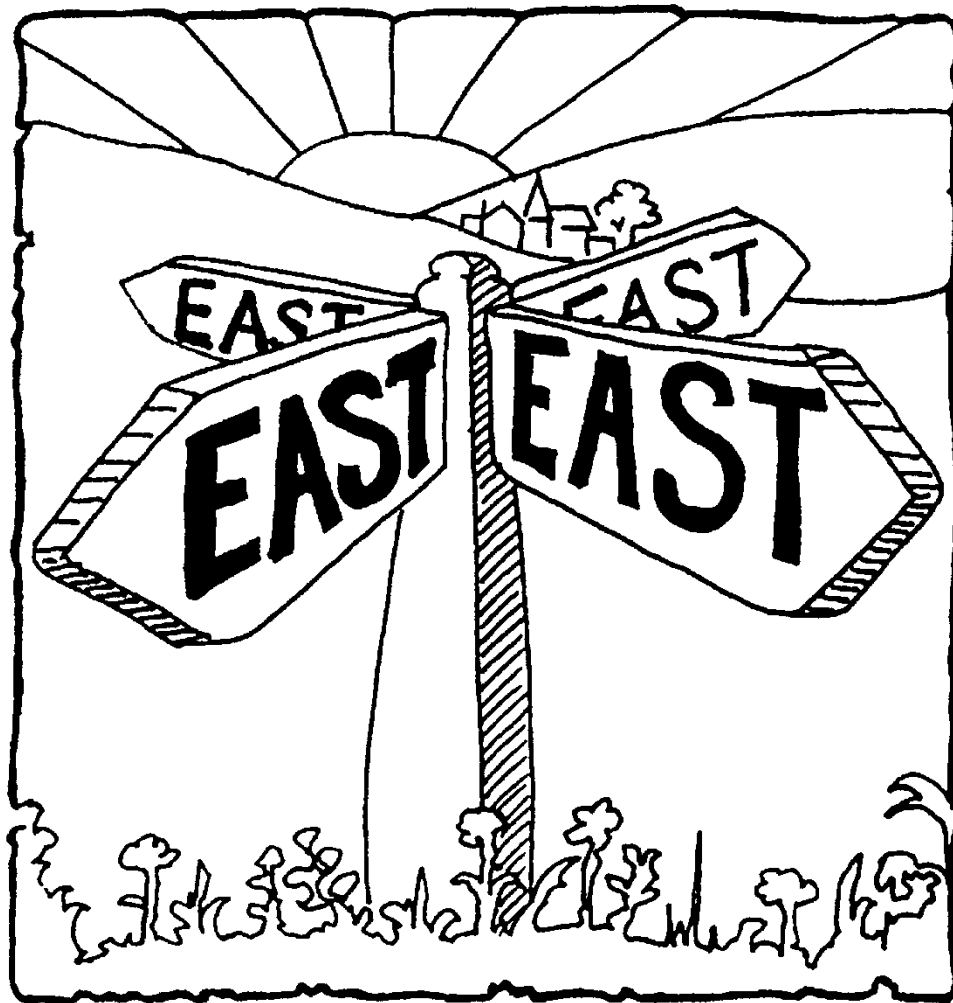


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Editorial

Firstly, huge apologies for the lateness of this Issue! I had every intention of issuing it in March, but work has had to take priority over the last two months. Any hobbies of mine have taken a back seat. Tomorrow, I look forward to driving the day trip narrowboat again along the Basingstoke Canal, a choir concert takes place this week and hopefully soon I'll find time to paddle my kayak on the Thames.

I did manage to join (albeit late!) the 'East Ramblers' for the second themed walk, this time in London – a lovely day spent. I also learnt some new research hints during February's online talk. Please do try to join a ramble or online talk this year to show support to your committee!

I hope that you enjoy reading this latest issue of Points East.

Best Regards. Amanda ♦

Chairman's Message

With the lovely sunny weather that we have been experiencing, it must be tempting to abandon our ancestry research and go outside to enjoy the garden or a local walk instead. If you were on one of Angela Waterfall's rambles, you would have been able to do both at once! Sadly, these rambles have attracted very few members, but I bet they were enjoyable!

Our other notable event was the talk given by Jessica Feinstein on what to do when you get stuck! I would have thought this would be attended by almost everyone, given that almost everyone gets stuck with their research from time to time. We did have nine people – after all, it was an online talk and should have been easily accessible. You will find the report on this talk on page 23.

Now we are planning our next AGM which will be held on October 18th, and I do hope to see more of you there.

Meanwhile I have had my own personal breakthrough by finding the tree of an adopted DNA match, making the research that much harder. I would recommend that you take a DNA test if you haven't already. One discovers many more matches than you would expect, and all sorts of surprises. A Polish lady came and visited me, who had travelled specially from Warsaw, armed with photographs of members of my family. She is the first person I have ever met on my maternal side (other than my uncle & direct cousins) as both her parents had died by the time I was born.

Don't give up! If you keep going back to your tree, there are new discoveries there that you would never have expected.

Angela East ♦

**Minutes of the East FHS
Annual General Meeting
Bishopshalt School, Royal Lane, Hillingdon UB8 3RF
19/10/2024**

1. Apologies for absence

Peter East, Ros Hipkin, Jen Tombs.

2. Minutes of AGM 2023

Amanda G proposed the acceptance of the minutes.

Pam P - seconded.

Duly agreed.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's report: Angela East

“This year has been quite eventful from the committee's point of view. Our new secretary, Dorothy Morgan, really put her back into her new role, organising documentation, trying to recruit new members, writing huge numbers of emails and signing up the Society for the Federation of Family History Societies, which means that we are able to benefit from the many online meetings that they have and we are now insured for extra events.

As you know, the secretarial role became much too onerous for one person, which is why we have now decided to divide up the role into at least two parts for two people; membership and general duties.

We have also enjoyed having two new committee members, Jane Rimmington and Gillian McCorry. Jane sadly realised that she is unable to attend meetings, so has decided to step down again but both members have contributed greatly to online discussion, and I would like to thank Jane, Dorothy and all our committee for all the time and effort that they have put in.

In my job as a professional musician, I have, over the years, given many concerts in the USA, presented by organisations with enormous committees of, say, 30 members. The idea is that each member has one small job to do, so that nothing is too onerous, and everyone has time to fulfil their role. At the end of the year, they have a big party – a dinner in a restaurant say – and this is the reward for all those people. They seem to love the system which works really well. I would like something similar for our Society, on a smaller scale of course.

While having an immediate need for at least two people to fill the secretarial roles, I would like to introduce another role for members. They will come under the category of ‘Helpers’. These are people who help in some way but who do not sit on the committee. We already have Peter, who agreed to be our auditor

and Amanda's son Adam, who built our website. Jane kindly agreed to write the Minutes for the AGM, so she will also be a temporary 'helper'. We would love to invite more of you to join the committee but if you don't want to attend meetings (online), you can also sign up as a helper, so that we know we can turn to you if necessary.

Last year I mentioned the need for recruitment of new members. Dorothy made a huge effort with this, designing a poster which other members of the committee put up in their libraries and other centres. Sadly, these did not produce the result we had hoped, although we have a few new members. I believe that we need to have a more specific campaign, looking for Easts and asking them personally. This would be an excellent task for helpers and could take as little or as much time as you wish.

I am also looking at ways to make membership of this Society more attractive by increasing the number of events. Of course, events have to be attended, and it isn't always easy to find times that people can manage. Angela Waterfall has initiated a lovely idea of holding 'Rambles', which look at East-related things in a specific area, walking round and finishing up with a pub lunch.

I have found a professional genealogist who is willing to give talks to the Society online, helping members to proceed with their research when their own efforts appear to have reached a dead end. These are planned to start in February. There will be an initial talk and if successful (meaning a reasonable number of people attend), more will be planned.

It is generally felt that members are more likely to be able to attend online meetings but there will be those who prefer the social aspect of face to face meetings. Please do let us know if you have views on the subject by writing to us – hopefully a new secretary but otherwise to myself.”

N.b. Genealogist online meetings to be organised and initially funded by Angela E - Feb 27th will be the first one, Angela E is meeting with the genealogist on Tuesday to discuss.

5. Secretary's report: Dorothy Morgan

“October 2023 – July 2024 inclusive.

Membership numbers have fallen this year, in spite of the recruitment drive launched last October at the Society's AGM. Two members have died; Millicent (Millie) East passed away in November last year, her obituary was in the Spring 2024 issue of Points East. Millie was a very interesting lady. Dr Jamie Sime, one of our members who lived in Scotland, passed away in January this year, his wife sadly predeceased him in October 2023. A condolence letter was sent to their son on behalf of the Society.

Twenty-four members were due to renew their subscription, now annual by May 1st. Two decided not to renew, two did not respond. Members in North America faced difficulties in transferring small amounts overseas because of the exorbitant costs and onerous conditions set by their local banks. This is concerning as our

member numbers are now fast diminishing. The good news is that we have regained a former member, and welcome back Sue Crane to the Society. Thanks go to Pam Pearce for her help, encouragement and support in this. We are now down to 56 members, compared to 64 last year (Secretary's Report 2023).

The Society has rejoined the Family History Federation (formerly the Federation of Family History Societies) and now benefits from inclusion in their Public Liability Insurance, thus satisfying a condition mandated by our Society's Constitution.

The change of Secretary and Treasurer, together with the negotiations to rejoin the Family History Federation and the revision of material for the new website, greatly increased the Secretary's workload this year. Membership application forms, membership renewal forms, for both UK and Overseas, membership records (spreadsheet), all had to be updated. A new Christmas Greetings format for email and surface mail was developed.

A new Profile was written for the Society's entry on the Family History Federation website.

When I stood down from the Secretary post at the end of July I received some lovely emails from members. Thank you."

6. Treasurer's report: John East

"You may remember in last year's Treasurer's Report, Peter said that the Society's finances at that time did not look too troubled. This was mainly because of the reduced expenditure resulting from fewer face to face meetings due to Covid, and so costs were therefore kept low. The Committee had minimised the costs of administering the Society, however, the costs of the new website and other ongoing running costs meant that the Society must pay for itself. An increase in Membership subscription to £15 was agreed at the AGM.

Expenditure

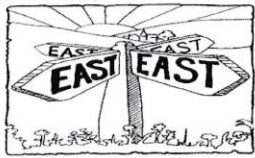
There has been a major increase in expenditure over this financial year, including website set up and running cost of over £280, the subscription to the Family History Federation, (shown as a Committee Expense) and the costs of having a face-to-face AGM. These are likely to be ongoing. The cost of printing Points East has reduced slightly and will continue to do so as fewer members receive a hard copy. Total expenditure for the year was £870.75 compared with £409.00 in the previous year.

Income

Three-year memberships were abolished from the last AGM but there are many members who remain on 3-year subscription but will soon revert to an annual one. Our total income from member subscriptions this year was £270.00 from 18 members. We also received an anonymous donation of £15. Sale of extra copies of Points East produced a further £18. This resulted in a total income of £303.00 compared with £405.00 in the previous year.

The closing bank balance therefore stands at £699.93, having reduced by £567.75 over the year.

As stated in the Secretary's report, the number of people paying a subscription this year has reduced because of several factors. A total of 18 subscriptions were received, out of a possible 24, i.e. £270. Next year in May 2025, we would anticipate an additional 16 people paying the £15 subscription, three years subscription having lapsed, giving a total of £510.00. In May 2026 a further 11 may pay, giving a total subscription income of £675.00. If all these people remain on our books, we can expect 43 members to pay the £15 subscription.

 East Family History Society							
Year 2023-2024				Year 2022-2023			
Opening Bank Balance 14-Aug-2023		1267.73		Opening Bank Balance 14-Aug-2022		1271.73	
Income				Income			
Membership Subscriptions	270.00			Membership Subscriptions	380.00		
Sale of extra copies of Points East	18.00			Sale of extra copies of Points East	5.00		
Sale of binders	0.00			Sale of binders	0.00		
Donations	15.00			Donations	20.00		
Total Income		303.00		Total Income		405.00	
Expenses				Expenses			
Committee Meeting expenses	0.00			Committee Meeting expenses	0.00		
Committee Expenses	30.00			Committee Expenses	0.00		
A.G.M. Expenses	175.00			A.G.M. Expenses	0.00		
Points East costs	293.00			Points East costs	340.00		
Points East Article Prize	50.00			Points East Article Prize	50.00		
Website	299.60			Website	19.00		
Postage	23.15			Postage	0.00		
Total Expense		-870.75		Total Expense		-409.00	
Closing Bank Balance 31-Jul-2024		699.93		Closing Bank Balance 14-Aug-2023		1267.73	
Opening stock of binders	120.00			Opening stock of binders	58.40		
Sale of binders	0.00			Sale of binders	0.00		
Closing Stock of Binders	120.00			Closing Stock of Binders	58.40		
Total assets (Bank accounts + stock of binders)		819.93		Total assets (Bank accounts + stock of binders)		1326.13	
Net movements		-567.75		Net movements		-4.00	

Whilst we are in a reasonable financial position now, without some increase in income or decrease in expenditure we will gradually drift into deficit. You will remember that Mr. Micawber said to David Copperfield, "Annual income £20, annual expenditure €19:19s:6d result happiness. Annual income £20, annual expenditure 820:0s:6d, result misery".

More members to provide more subscriptions would be helpful, but so far efforts to recruit new members has not been a success. We must therefore limit our expenditure as far as possible, e.g. reducing the number of hardcopy Points East,

so minimising both printing and postage costs. Should we put on events, such as the recent very successful Ramble, those events must cover their own costs.”

Questions arising:

A question was asked by Margaret E -

- if we don't produce as many hard copies - what happens to all the binders?

It was confirmed that there are 14 binders still left in stock and a large number of back copies of Points East. It was suggested that a sales push was needed to sell off these back copies and binders.

Dorothy M asked two questions.

- Could we consider increasing membership from £15 to £20 from 2026?
- Can we not run events to make a profit?

The two questions were discussed as one issue as both relate to a need for more money - points raised were:

- ❖ A 30% increase when we already raised the subscription last year might seem excessive to some members and yet not to others? Perhaps AGM should take a view on this. It would be financially prudent but perhaps not popular.
- ❖ This year we cannot afford the donation to the school so we have a donation collection box. There is clearly a need for more income.
- ❖ Other societies that Angela belongs to are asking for a much higher subscription. Can we ask people what they can afford? It was agreed In general that things need to be on a bigger basis - higher subscriptions but more going on?
- ❖ Pam - belongs to 4 or 5 family history societies who all charge about £20 which seems reasonable. Angela agreed - reasonable. Angela says that all the history societies she has come into contact with are all reporting trouble with recruiting members and finance so we are not unique.
- ❖ it was suggested that those members who are busy and working don't always have the time to look for new members. Some people are confident enough to go and ask people they don't know and others don't have the audacity to do such things but we should all be searching for Easts that are alive in our trees and asking them. Pam suggested that people you find through research and get to know online are the ones to approach - Pam supplies information to her brothers which means they don't need to join. However, cousins, aunts and uncles may be a different matter. It was acknowledged that it is very hard to approach people that you don't know. Margaret suggested that most people like to get something for nothing if they can.
- ❖ Pam - a magazine she reads had a get together from a 'One Name Study' and organised a huge event - a lot of people that came had been contacted directly by the person doing the study. Angela W asked if a 'One name study' event would pay for itself? It would require a big venue and an enormous amount of organisation. If coming from abroad then hotels, etc.need organising. Angela said

as research manager she would not be able to do that. However, she does have people approach her for help with research who offer money for her help - she suggests they join the society instead.

❖ Margaret suggested that perhaps we should be charging for research help? There may be someone in the group that has a skill that others would be willing to pay for. Jane suggested a donation might be a better option than a fee. Angela Waterfall felt she would be happier if a donation was offered rather than a fee.

❖ Angela W has had success supplying information in exchange for membership subscription.

❖ Angela E says we have some members in the USA - perhaps they could collect subscriptions overseas and send them in one amount? Amanda reported there are only 4 members in America and only 2 pay subscriptions (one member pays for herself and 2 others).

❖ John asked if we should encourage life members to revert to annual subscription. Dorothy thought this would not be a good thing. Angela W said her sister was a life member and we should encourage but not rescind such a thing - perhaps we could ask for a donation? If we asked them to lose their life membership and become an annual member we may lose them altogether.

❖ Amanda would prefer the annual membership to stay at £15 and not increase again this year due to the age demographic of the society. She supported reducing expenditure and holding self funded events.

❖ The general feeling after the discussion was that any events are welcome, but the event must be self funded and self organised - profit is a bonus and that an increase to £20 was not a good thing at this time.

7. Research Manager's report: Angela Waterfall

“Following on from last year's trip to Dundee records office, I had another opportunity to do active research when my brother-in-law, who lives in Perth, Western Australia, came to visit. His grandfather grew up in Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, and we spent a weekend touring the graveyards and the local library. We were very lucky to find the house where his grandfather spent his teenage years and even more lucky to be invited in to see it. At the library, we found a book about the family (sadly out of print) and the address of the author. From the book, we were able to deduce a link between the Wallace Family and the East family – look out for an article in the next Points East.

Research queries have decreased considerably. All 5 queries have come from members via e-mail, and none have come via the website. Each query is an opportunity to add to our knowledge of East forbears. Lack of queries coming from casual users of the website means that we are not attracting potential new members this way.

So, my new venture as Research Manager this year has been the “East Ramblings”, the first of which took place in September. I looked at the Census data for my hometown of Wallingford and produced a walk around the town.

Three members joined me, and we had a pleasant walk and a pleasant lunch. It was a good chance for some collaborative research; the “Big Tree” got updated and we shared tips on how to use various data. I am planning two more rambles but, if anyone would like to use their town, or village, as a venue, I am happy to provide data for that.

The task of attaching certificates and other digitised information to the “Big Tree” is still ongoing. It is time-consuming and it is very easy to get side-tracked. For instance, among the death certificates for 1918-1920, there were two recorded deaths from influenza. We have some certificates for individuals, who aren’t yet connected to the “Big Tree”. I am looking for volunteers to help me to find out more about them.

I continue to be grateful for Pam and Ken Pearce’s support with the translation of wills. I want to publicly thank Jane Hepworth for donating some certificates this year and H. Andre East for sending me a copy of his latest book. I need to thank the Scottish Genealogy Society for including a reference to our website in their June newsletter and Paul Rolph for sending in his y-DNA results.

One of the aims of our Society is to collect all references to the East/ Este name and collate and store them for the use of members and researchers; please remember to pass such information to me. Donations of snippets from newspapers, certificates, photographs and family trees are always welcome.

Finally, if you are looking for events to encourage you to delve into your family history then I offer these as a theme:

- It is 200 years since the birth of the modern railway. Were any of your ancestors employed by the railways?
- It is the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Do you have pictures, or memories of the day, that you could share with other members?
- It is the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Were any of your ancestors involved?”

The following was in addition to the report:

Angela spoke about the Ramble through Wallingford and how lovely it was. Despite only 4 people, it was declared a success. Angela would like to do a couple more next year. One to be Shoreditch. Another could be Monks Risborough. If anyone wants to do a ramble near where they live, Angela has offered to do the research and look at census, etc. Pam suggested Chesham and Amersham would also be a good location. Angela suggested that if people go to any records office, why not ask if anyone else would like to go to? E.g. Angela and Amanda are planning to go to Kew. Jane and Gillian recently went to the Hampshire Archives together. Angela has been looking at certificates, which can be time consuming and easy to get side tracked. She has now finished the births, deaths & marriage certificates that were in paper form - they are now attached to the online tree. Angela asked if anyone would like to help with some detective research as she would be grateful for their time. Margaret offered to help.

Particular mention to Jane Hepworth in Kent who was very helpful. H. Andre in Canada was also mentioned for sending a DVD of his current book on his ancestor (in French). The Scottish Genealogy included a link to the EFHS website. Angela has also received DNA results and is going to contact Lionel and Ron to see if they can help with what to do with this information.

Any information - certificates, family trees, etc., are always really gratefully received for research and the archives.

8. Editor's report: Amanda Gostelow

Including Amanda's upcoming trip to Australia.

Amanda reported that Points East was great to edit this time as so many articles were kept over from the last edition. Dorothy submitted a large article that contributed to three issues. H. Andre had also sent a large amount of copy.

Amanda would appreciate some more articles now for the next edition and requested that members please send any articles, or photos, newspaper snippets, etc. that they have. Amanda is still trying to do two issues a year with 32 pages which is about the right size for posting. Other societies do four issues a year but that would be difficult for Amanda who is happy with the current load. Producing only one issue a year would mean a much bigger issue and would increase postage cost accordingly. Amanda would like to put more things onto the website now so that articles are more easily available. Costs involved are now less as the printer has been printing on demand only. Only one person (other than those attending the AGM) said they still needed a paper copy, so this time, Amanda only printed 20 copies. Members will be asked if they would like a paper copy. We have a lot of back copies so we don't want to print unnecessarily. The cost was £55 for the 20 copies.

Amanda has life membership of EFHS but as she was previously paying the costs of postage, labels, envelopes and not charging the society, she did not wish to rescind life membership; since costs have now reduced she is very happy to become an annual subscriber and will sort this with John. Pam has also provided some second class stamps which helped to lower costs. Amanda wishes to add an article in the next Points East History of Big4 Easts Beach Holiday Park, which is in Australia. She has written and asked permission to put this on our website and in the Points East edition but has heard nothing from them. Amanda is visiting Australia and will approach them directly while she is there.

Another fourth cousin lives in Sydney and Amanda may meet her for coffee. With four weeks of holiday in Australia & New Zealand, Amanda plans to do lots of family research while there.

9. Website Manager's report - Amanda Gostelow

Adam set up the website and manages it; Amanda's husband is now editing the website. Both family members were thanked for their efforts.

Adam has shared the following interesting statistics on visitors to the website:

❖ 529 visits to website

- ❖ 320 were unique visits - different phone/ipad etc.
- ❖ 66% were via a direct to the link (EFHS link)
- ❖ 28% via a search engine
- ❖ 5% via social media (inc Facebook) other societies social media too.
- ❖ Countries - 80% from UK - Oldham in Lancashire is top of the list of counties/areas; also Surrey, Wiltshire, Bucks, Perthshire & Kinross, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Leeds, Devon, Edinburgh, Wandsworth, Essex, Kent and Reading.
- ❖ 9.5% from the US
- ❖ 4% from Canada (1 asked for members password)
- ❖ 1% from Australia, Germany, France, Spain & Finland.

The aim is to change the website every month or so with new content, new pop ups etc. The scrolling banner will change every so often to direct people to new information. Most new information will be on the member's area which is password protected. The password is being changed today and made available to all members and will be changed again in May 2025 when renewals occur.

Amanda's husband has added more information to the members area. Info about the AGM will be removed after today. Each of the areas are now beginning to be populated.

- ❖ 'Points East' area will eventually include all back copies.
- ❖ The indexes to PE - there are links too. Angela has given the latest link - index 51 to 60 - which Angela says was quite a task and very tedious work! Useful if you want to find any specific information in back copies though.
- ❖ The Wills section is currently empty - Angela reported that she has information she can supply to Amanda for this section, though we do not want to fall foul of the GRO.
- ❖ East Ramblings section - click on link to find information about previous or future walks.
- ❖ New section - info by County. Angela reported she had lots of information she could provide for this section. Clicking on links here takes you to a whole new page.
- ❖ Birth/Marriage/Death certificates - this list is currently from 2013 so any new information provided has not been updated yet.
- ❖ GRO indexes - notes on how to use these are included. And how to search for information.
- ❖ Members interest - does not list members personal information - it just gives their member number and their interests in the society. Contact Angela and she will put you in touch.

If anyone has anything they would like put on the website or would like to suggest any changes, please let Amanda know.

Dorothy asked a question -

Q. 'Currently members still have access to the website even if they have left the society. How can we address this'?

A. Amanda replied that we are changing the password today and also on membership renewal day in May, so this will not be an issue going forward.

10. Amendments to constitution

Angela E read everything out and asked for comments on the points amended:

4b - carried unanimously

4e - carried unanimously

5d - carried

❖ Dorothy abstained.

❖ 6 votes for

❖ None against.

9b - carried

❖ Dorothy abstained

❖ 5 votes for

❖ 0 against

[**Editor:** the updated East Family History Society Constitution is available to read via the website.]

11. Thanks to Event Manager - Pam Pearce

Enormous thanks to Pam for organising the AGM event administration and a wonderful meal.

The school is always very helpful and does not charge for hire. We have always given a donation to cover their costs - this year we have asked for individual donations on the day rather than ask the treasurer - this raised £100.

The caterer is also very helpful and provides a very good meal. This year there have been a range of dishes and people chose on the day. Pam said that she hoped this had proved successful. Everyone agreed it had been a splendid lunch. This year the option to bring a packed lunch and pay a cover cost was offered but no one took up this option. In view of what happened today with the meeting adjourned for lunch as hot meals needed to be served, could we change the AGM start to 11.30. This was voted on and unanimously carried. Pam is happy to carry on being social secretary as long as the venue is Bishopshalt School. Everyone agreed that the venue should be the same next year.

12. Founders Award

In the past it was agreed that no committee members should receive this award.

The winner this year has been chosen as David East. David had been very persistent in finding out his roots and his article was very readable. John East agreed to let David East know that he had won and to send the cheque for £50 to him.

13. Election of Officers

Nobody raised any objections, and the following were duly elected.

COMMITTEE

Chairperson - Angela East

Treasurer - John East

Membership and Research Manager - Angela Waterfall

General Secretary - Vacancy

Journal and Website Manager - Amanda Gostelow

Committee member - Gillian McCorry

HELPERS

Margaret East

Jane Rimmington

Jane asked if as a Helper she would still be able to attend committee meetings when she could.

Angela said yes this was possible. Jane offered to help with general secretarial duties with her Helper hat on.

14. Date of next AGM

Saturday 18th October proposed - Pam will check with Bishopshalt school and confirm in the summer.

15. Any other business

- Dorothy pointed out that the payment information for subscription renewal needs updating so that members quote their membership number when making payment as this makes it easier to identify where the payment has come from. John agreed this was the case. Amanda said she would update this on the application form.

- Angela W said she wished to retire from her position on the committee in 5 years time when she is 80 - giving plenty of notice!

- The Website password will be updated from midnight on 19th October 2024 and sent to members.

- In accordance with point 6d from the constitution document - Dorothy (as the outgoing secretary) wished to state that she was handing over data to Angela Waterfall (as the incoming member secretary) that needed locking away as it contained sensitive and personal information under the Data Protection Act.

Jane Rimmington, 19/10/24

A copy of these AGM minutes is in the members area of the website, along with previous minutes, the EFHS constitution and other useful documents.

Ron East gave a presentation in the Mansion, after lunch in the Main Hall. He described his family's timber business, alongside the viewing of the '**East Brothers Timber**' DVD, dated approx. 1947. During the 1930's Lilian East, his father's second sister, went to India where she met William Haines and had three children – Norah, Diana and William. They returned to England in 1946 and lived in West Dean for a time before settling in Yeovil where the children grew up. Following their deaths, and whilst clearing out the loft of their home, Norah and her husband Brian found cine films which no one knew anything about.

~ **Annual Subscription Renewal Reminder** ~

Due 1st May 2025

Please see the Inside Back Cover for details of payment due.

Obituary

Written by Dorothy Morgan

Mr Peter Boyce of Winchmore Hill, London (1931-2024)

Peter sadly died on Christmas Day at the age of 93. He was a member of the EFHS for only a few years but started his research into his family tree about thirty years ago.

Born in Clacton on Sea, he spent his teen years at Waterside in Chesham and attended Dr Challoner's Grammar School in Amersham. Most of his two years National Service was spent in Singapore.

Peter became a teacher and taught Biology, later he was in charge of the Sixth Form at Chingford Grammar school for 10 years before he retired. Here he set up several bands and also the Chess group. He was interested in Music played the violin, enjoyed Folk dancing and was a Morris dancer.

Peter was descended from the Chesham Easts; Daniel East and Mary Watts were his 2x Great Grandparents. Edna Knight introduced him to the society and visited him at his home. Edna was very impressed with his wallpaper tree! Peter also knew June Lines, who carried out a lot of research work for the EFHS. Peter, June and Edna are descended through Daniel East and Mary Watts, and Eleanor East who married Thomas Darvell. The Darvell gravestone (Eleanor and Thomas) is in the Old Baptist cemetery in Chesham.

The funeral took place on Friday January 17th at Hendon Crematorium Chapel, London. His niece Jennifer Roy (Jen) conducted the service.

East Ramblings

Following an enjoyable first ‘East Ramble’ around Wallingford back in September, Angela Waterfall set to work on planning a second, this time to Shoreditch on Friday 28th March. She sent out an invite (via email & the website) to members for this, the second in the series of walks and lunches themed around Easts in various locations in the South-East of England.

The meeting point for the small group of adventurers and friends was at Liverpool Street Station. The route went from there to Curtain Road:

- **James East (1813-1876)** was living in Curtain Road when his daughter **Mary Ann** was baptised

From there the walk carried on to Charlotte Road:

- In 1911, **Edward Samuel East (1891-1965)** worked for E. Kahn and Co, who made reproduction French furniture in premises at 18-21 Charlotte Street

Carrying straight on to Hoxton Square:

- **William James East (1830 – 1901)**, cabinet maker, lived at 52, Hoxton Square, during the Censuses of 1871 and 1881.
- Dr. Parkinson (who gave his name to Parkinson’s Disease) lived at 1 Hoxton Square in 1800. He was the medical officer for a private lunatic asylum in Hoxton

After that, to Hackney Road and St. Leonard’s Church:

- St Leonards Church was one of fifty Commissioners’ Churches built under the 1718 Act. It was designed by George Dance the elder (architect of the Mansion House). Its bells are made famous by the nursery rhyme Oranges and Lemons.
- In 1823, **Elizabeth East** and Thomas Bennett were married at St. Leonard’s church. So too were **Matthew East (1802-1876)** and Charlotte Wilford.

Cross Kingsland Road to reach the Museum of the Home (***Editor:** this is where I met up with the group for a lovely lunch!*):

- The Museum of the Home (Geffrye Museum) is a museum of furniture and of the way the English furnish their homes. It is on the site of almshouses built for the Ironmongers Company in 1715.

After an hour or so in the Museum and gardens, the route continued into Hoars Street:

- **William James East** lived in Hoars Street in 1901 alongside his sons **Frederick** (No10) and **Albert George** (No 8).

It was a very pleasant and interesting day in good company.

Future walks will be open to members, would-be members and friends. Ideas include Kew Records Office and Surrey Local History Centre. Please contact Angela by e-mail for advice if you want to hold your own local walk.



Joshua East and the beginnings of Longstock Park Water Garden, Hampshire *by Gillian McCorry*

In the summer I went on a gardening society visit to the Longstock Park Water Garden. The website and brochure said that Joshua East was the owner in 1870.

I had to find out more, which I am now sharing with you.

A History of the County of Hampshire (published by Victoria County History, 1911) states the Upper or North Manor of Longstock was conveyed to Joshua East, who had two sons, Arthur and Alfred. In 1871, Longstock House appears for the first time on a map, situated at the top of the slope of Longstock Down.

In 1890, gravel was dredged from the banks of the River Test in order to build a private road up to Longstock House. In so doing a lake was created as the Test valley is wide and shallow here. (See the atmospheric photographs from 1890).



Kelly's Directory of 1875 and 1895 has Joshua East as Lord of the Upper Manor, living at Longstock House, "which is a modern mansion seated on high ground". The area was composed of chalk, peat and gravel and the chief crops were wheat, barley and oats. In 1896, there is mention of a lake in the water copse with a footbridge across the narrow end and an island in the wider part.

Kelly's Directory of 1903 shows Longstock House to be the seat of Mrs. East (presumably Althea Adelaide, widow of Joshua). "A modern mansion seated on high ground and commanding extensive views of the country and River Test". Arthur East, her son, was also living there. In 1907, Longstock House was still the seat of Mrs. East, with Arthur East living there.

In 1911, Arthur East and A E East were the joint owners of the Upper or North Manor of Longstock.

The 1913 sale particulars include the information that the estate covered 266 acres with a mansion, pleasure grounds (shady walks and lawns), gardens (herbaceous borders and flower gardens), a prolific kitchen garden with fruit pergola and a tennis lawn. The water supply to the house was raised by a water wheel from a well near the river. Near the mansion was a greenhouse which opened into a house for hatching trout. There were fishing rights on both the left and right bank of the River Test.

The Water Gardens started to be created by the Beddington family, who bought the estate in 1914 from the East family. A channel was dug from the River Test to the lake to provide a continual flow of water.

The 1939 sales catalogue describes the house and gardens as unaltered from the 1913 particulars, when it was also up for sale.

In 1946, the Estate was purchased by John Spedan Lewis. He further developed the gardens into what they are today. When he died in 1963, Longstock House and Water Garden were held in Trust by the John Lewis Partnership. It became available as a benefit to Partners/Staff to use.

The Water Gardens were occasionally open to all during charity events. However, in 2021, the Water Garden was open to the general public for them to enjoy. It is open between April and October each year and there is an admission charge. There is a Waitrose café nearby for refreshments. Longstock Park adjoins the Leckford Estate, also owned by the John Lewis Partnership.

Joshua East was born about 1810 in the parish of St. Lukes, Middlesex, London. He married Martha Ann Dyson in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire in 1836 and had four sons and one daughter with her. After Martha died he married Althea Adelaide Turner in 1857 at Edmonton, Middlesex and had two sons, Arthur Havelock East and Alfred Ernest East.

The Census of 1861 has Joshua living with his family at St. George, Hanover Square, London and in 1881 at 7 Curzon Street, Mayfair, when he was a retired Job Master. A Job Master is a British term for a person who managed a livery stable and hired out horse-drawn carriages for domestic use.

The 1891 and 1901 Censuses have Joshua East living at Longstock, Hampshire as a landowner and farmer. He died on 4th July 1901 at Longstock and was buried in St. Mary's churchyard, Longstock (see photo). His wife Althea Adelaide died in 1920 and is interred in the same plot.



Inside the church is a commemorative stained-glass window donated by his daughter Martha Dyson East, see photo. There is a wall plaque dedicated to Joshua East and another remembering Althea Adelaide East and her son Alfred Ernest, who both died in the same year.

A day out at Longstock Park Water Garden is very pleasant and I would recommend it. Do take a look at the website.

Sources:

Hampshire Archives, Ancestry.co.uk, The Waitrose and Partners Farm website British History online, Family Tree researcher, Dictionary of Old Occupations, John Lewis Partnership Memory store and Archives, Hampshire Gardens Trust



FHF Members

~ Consultation on proposed changes to reform the law regarding Burial grounds and Cremation ~

It has recently come to the Family History Federation's attention that there is currently a consultation at The Law Commission to reform the law of burial and cremation in the UK.

They have produced a consultation paper and a summary.

There is a short video to watch as well and all the details at the link below:

<https://lawcom.gov.uk/project/burial-and-cremation/>

A Double Murder in the Family – Part 3

by Dorothy Morgan

Background

This is a true account about Daniel East. He was my 4th cousin once removed.

Daniel East was the eldest son of Joseph East, a Hoop maker, and Sarah Polykett; he was born in Chesham in September 1844.

In September 1864, Daniel, age 19, married Ellen Plested, age 24, at Amersham in Buckinghamshire. They had 5 children, Ralph East Plested, b.1863 Chesham, Albert, b.1865 Chesham, Martha, b.1867, David, b.1874 and Frederick William b.1876, all born in Hertfordshire. In the 1871 Census, the family were living at 62, High Street in Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire.

What follows is an exact copy (spelling and grammar) of the extensive report in the Herts Advertiser and St Albans Times, Saturday 3rd March 1877

Continued from Issue 62 (Autumn 2024):

Examination of Witness Robert Goodyear, Inspector of Police by the coroner:

His wife wanted to see him, but he asked to keep her away. I spoke to him today about half-past two, after he had his dinner. He rapped at the cell and on my going he wished me not to let his wife come again. He said he did not wish to see her and particularly wished me not to let her do so till it was all over.

Then she did not see him on Sunday? No, he would not see her, nor would he see his father or any other of his relations. Yesterday he asked if I should mind letting him have a pipe of tobacco and I said although it was against the rules, I would not let him have one. He was again about to make some statement, but I told him he better make it to the jury. He said 'It is no odds; I may as well tell it to you. On Saturday morning I had not a bit of bread to give the children. I had been thinking about that other job for some time.'

'That other job': did you know what he meant? From what he had said at other times I did. He further said 'I could not bear the thought of leaving my wife with the five children, so I thought I would take the two last and put them out of the way. I carried the small one and sometimes led the other and sometimes it ran by my side. I took them up into Pond Meadow Spring, and then I could not pluck up enough to kill them at first. I took them in my arms twenty times each, I should think. Then I cut the throat of the eldest one with the knife that the policeman has got at Ivinghoe. Then I killed the younger one; I covered them with the shawl, and started for Ivinghoe as fast as I could walk. I asked several people on the road if it was Ivinghoe rotation.

Did you know what he meant? They call the petty sessions rotation day in this part of the country.

The coroner: *I never heard the expression before.*

Mr. H. Day: *The sessions are one day here and one day at Hemel Hempstead.*

Witness continued: *The prisoner continued 'They could not tell me. I met three men and I asked them, but they did not know. I thought that I should find Hadden there, and if I had, there is no mistake, I should have had his head off. I have no ill*

feeling against the children, poor little dears. I did not like to see them left behind and go to the union.' The prisoner then stopped, and I asked him 'Should you like to see your father? He is in town.' He said 'No I don't want to see none of them till tomorrow. Do you know (he asked) how they are getting on about the children? I hope that they won't have them buried by the parish: that would upset me more than anything. I wish you to understand I don't want to screen myself. It was my complaint that caused me to do it.'

Did he refer to any complaint? That is all he said. 'I have been thinking about that other job.'

Did you know what he meant? From what he said previously, I thought he meant about Mr. Hadden, I have nothing against East's character except that he has been twice convicted.

How long since? The last time was in November.

You have had occasion to prosecute him twice within what time? Within the last three years. He was drunk once, then fined.

Prisoner (interrupting): *The last time I was not had up for being drunk, though it was in the papers, it was not so.*

A Juryman: *Was Mr. Hadden on the bench on that occasion?* **Witness:** *Mr. Hadden was chairman on that occasion.*

The coroner (to the prisoner): *Do you wish to ask Mrs. Jones any questions?*

Prisoner: *No, sir.*

The coroner: *Do you wish to ask Mr. Goodyear any questions?* **Prisoner:** *No. I only wish to say*

The coroner: *I don't wish you to make a statement.*

Prisoner: *I was only going to say about Mr. Hadden; with regard to the last time I went up to the board.*

The coroner stopped the prisoner making his statement, and Mr. Augustus Donald M.R.C. S., L.R.C.P. was called. He said: I was present this afternoon when the bodies of the two children, David East and Frederick William East, were viewed by the Jury.

The coroner: *Where did you first see those bodies? About a quarter-past four on Saturday afternoon, on the road between the Crooked Billet and the wood where they were found. I examined them and found that they were dead, and their throats cut, they had been dead several hours.*

Have you since made a more careful examination? Yes. I examined the bodies in the course of the evening. On Frederick William I found a deeply incised wound, four inches in length, extending from the upper border of the thyroid artery on the left side down to the neck, severing in its course the muscles and the external carotid artery and its branches, which would be sufficient to cause death by haemorrhage.

Would there be much struggling after a wound of this kind? No. I also found on the left arm of the child a wound about an inch and a quarter in diameter and a quarter of an inch in depth. The third and little finger of the left hand were completely severed and were only hanging by a small piece of skin. I found on David a wound extending across the throat, about an inch on each side of the

trachea, severing that organ and the muscles attached to it and all the other structures down to the vertebral column.

Then it was cut right through to the back spine? Yes. I found both children healthy.

The Foreman: *It did not appear that they were in want of food at any time? They did not appear like it.*

Mr. Prudames: *Does a species of insanity frequently co-exist with consumption?*

Witness(hesitating): *No, I have never heard so, Mr. Prudames, although I could not say that it was not the case.*

The Coroner said that a question of insanity could not affect the verdict of the Jury, who were in the position of a grand jury, and it was not the province of such a jury to throw out a bill on the ground of insanity. That must be left to the court below. In this case there was hardly sufficient evidence to say that the prisoner was insane, though he was certainly in a very bad state of mind.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict, and after an absence of ten minutes, the **Foreman (Mr. Pethybridge)** said: *Mr. Coroner, we find Daniel East guilty of the wilful murder of his two children, David East and Frederick William East.*

The Coroner: *Wilful murder in both cases? The Foreman:* *Yes.*

The Coroner: *Then I will record that verdict if you will sign it.*

The verdict was then signed, and the evidence of the various witnesses read over. The prisoner therefore stood committed on the charge of wilful murder to take his trial at the next Hertfordshire Assizes, which commence next week. During the enquiry which lasted about three hours, East manifested but little interest in the proceedings. When, however, the evidence was being read over he put his fingers into his ears, apparently with the intention to avoid hearing what was read. Outside the King's Arms there was gathered a crowd of several hundred persons, waiting for the verdict of the jury.

MAGISTERIAL EXAMINATION OF THE PRISONER

The prisoner Daniel East, was brought up on Monday morning before the magistrates, charged with the wilful murder of his two children David East and Frederick William East. Formal evidence of the arrest having been given, the prisoner was remanded till the following day.

On Tuesday, at 2p.m, a special session was held in the Town Hall to deal with the case. The greatest interest was manifested, and the crowds of people who sought admittance could not find room in the hall.

Mr. H. J. Moore (chairman) presided, and Mr. O. S. Hadden and Major Granville supported him. The evidence adduced was chiefly a repetition of that given at the inquest.

Sergeant Bowden was the first witness, and produced a hymn book, which he said he found lying between the children, and a small phial given up by the prisoner, also a quantity of letters and postcards found on East.

During the tendering of the witnesses' evidence the prisoner was accommodated with a seat, and though once or twice he was much affected, he sat rubbing his hands and somewhat unconcerned.

Harry Butterfield, Arthur Glenister, James Butters, Ann Jones, Inspector Goodyear and Mr. Dennis, the surgeon gave evidence. It transpired that some eighteen months since, East was an in-patient at the West Herts Infirmary, when Dr Wootton stated that he was suffering from mental derangement.

At the conclusion of the evidence the chairman said he thought it right to state that the rumour which had got abroad about his friend Mr. Hadden, opposing, at the Board of Guardians, East's application, was not correct. Daniel East had not applied for relief, he believed, for many months, and even if he had, and it had been opposed by Mr. Hadden the opposition of one guardian would not be of much consequence, and when East did make application for relief, he did not know whether Mr. Hadden was present.

East here rose and said what so annoyed him was said when he was before the bench on the last occasion, when Mr. Hadden was in the chair. He told him he had been before the Board and probably would be there again soon.

Mr. Hadden denied making any improper remarks and said Major Granville who was present could support what he said; but East insisted the alleged remarks were made.

The Chairman told him he was committed to take his trial at the Herts assizes in the next week.

The funeral of the murdered children took place on Wednesday, at the Castle-street Chapel. The Rev. Menzies officiated, and a large congregation assembled.

Herts Advertiser and St Albans Times 24th March 1877

THE CASE OF DANIEL EAST.

The man Daniel East, who at the last assizes was acquitted on the ground of insanity for the murder of his two children, and who now lies in the County Goal at Hertford, will, it is stated be shortly placed in an asylum, where he will be taken care of for life. The following letter has been received on the subject by the acting clerk to the magistrates in reply to one written by him: —Sessions House, Old Bailey, London, March 15th, 1877. Dear Sir, —Regina v. East — The Judge ordered this man 'to be kept in strict custody until her Majesty's pleasure concerning him is known,' and this order appeared upon the calendar delivered to the Governor of the gaol. It is the ordinary and only proper or legal course to make this order under the provisions of 39 and 40 George 111, cap. 91, sec. 1. The governor of the gaol will in due course communicate the order to the Home Office, and he will thereupon be removed to Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum.

The order amounts in effect to one for imprisonment for life, and I never remember a case in which the prisoner has been released. In cases where the prisoner has been found insane upon arraignment the course is perused and under the provisions of the same Act, but in the latter case, upon proof of the fact that the prisoner has recovered his senses, the Secretary, by his



Broadmoor Asylum

warrant arrests him to be removed to the County gaol there to undergo his trial. In the former. case he cannot of course be tried again and he can only be released by the exercise of the Queen's prerogative of mercy, and I feel sure that this would not be exercised without abundant precautions being taken by her Majesty's advisers to insure the safety of her subjects. — Yours truly,

EDWARD JAS. READ

Dorothy Morgan - Some thoughts

Daniel's wife Ellen had now lost her 2 youngest children, David, and Frederick William, and her husband Daniel, had been committed to Broadmoor Asylum for life. Her companion and source of income, although sporadic, had gone. With no money, would Ellen have had to resort to applying for Poor relief? This I should imagine would have been the last desperate resort?

Daniel initially refused to see his wife Ellen or his father. It is not known whether either of them visited him, after the trial or at Broadmoor at any time. Certainly, travelling to Broadmoor, if visiting was allowed, would have been expensive and time consuming.

Ellen East must have been a strong character, she still lived in St. John-Well Lane at the time of the 1881 census, working as a Laundress; 2 children were still living at home. Did she have no choice, nowhere else to go, but had to stay and brazen things out? Did the neighbours and community support her? Was there gossip, probably, it must have been a very difficult time.

Ellen lived to the age of 77yrs and died in Southwark in 1916. [GRO Ref: Q1, 1916 Southwark 1d 76].

Daniel East was in Broadmoor for 34 years, and died aged 66yrs in Broadmoor on 1st June 1911. He was buried in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist Church at Crowthorne, Berkshire, close to Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum [GRO Ref: Q2, 1911 Easthampstead 2c 243].



St John the Baptist,
Crowthorne

Sources: British Library Newspaper Archives; General Record Office Births, Marriages, and Deaths records; Berkhamstead Municipal Archives.

Victory In Europe Day (VE Day) 80th Anniversary Celebrations Thursday 8th May 2025

Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of all German military operations on Tuesday 8th May 1945.

What do you remember of that day? Have you any photos of celebration events?

If so, we'd love to see them or hear your stories!

Please send any articles to Amanda for the next Issue.

Online Talk ~ Breaking the Barriers

by Angela East

A Talk led by professional genealogist, Jessica Feinstein on February 27th, 2025.

I met Jessica Feinstein at Marlborough College Summer School, where I attended her Ancestry class last summer. I thought it would be a wonderful idea to invite her to give an online talk about the one subject that must be on every researcher's mind; what to do when you get stuck!

Nine members attended this talk which turned out to contain a wealth of information, such as websites that were likely to produce information not found elsewhere, what to do when you visit archives, looking at parish records for pre-census records and how to find living relatives.

We all learned something new, and since this meeting, I have had a few breakthroughs myself, including finding the tree of a person who matches my DNA but who was adopted, so did not know the identity of his birth father. Persistence really pays off, as new information is being gathered all the time.

If anyone who was unable to attend would like to receive a recording of the meeting for £15, I can send it. Please send your money to John as usual (bank details on the website or on the Inside Back Cover).

Also, if anyone would like some personal help, do look up Jessica Feinstein on her website. Her rates are very reasonable.

Jessica will be giving a talk at our next AGM on October 18th, so if you missed the one in February, why not attend the AGM!

The idea of the talk was to help people to proceed with research that they thought had come to an end but also to contribute to the Society's dwindling funds in order to aid our survival!

As committee member Jane recently remarked '*One reason we all joined the society was to find out more about our ancestors. For me the draw was joining forces and doing research alongside others because doing it alone can be hard, especially if you are not an experienced researcher, and not as much fun.*'

The committee are hoping to attract new members to the East FHS by offering more joint research opportunities such as archive visits or visits to places of interest such as Winchester or Buckinghamshire or Chesham, which have lots of connections. A more educational angle hopefully will come from those of you who could pass on research skills and tips by demonstrating in person or online – hence the idea of some Research workshops.

John East and Mary Clemenger

Written by Pamela Appleton Ames, 2018 and excerpts reproduced with her kind permission

Background (from Points East Issue 62, Autumn '24)

Pamela Appleton Ames is a descendant of **William East** and Margaret Gear, as detailed in the article in Issue 62 from information given by previous EFHS member, Gloria Onstad to H. André East of Canada.

No record has been found of the marriage of William and Margaret. William's death certificate (1912) mentions that he was born in England in May 1824. The name of his parents is given as **John East** and Mary Clemings, both born in England.

During a trip to England, Pamela visited the records office in Aylesbury where she searched the registers of the Buckingham parish of St Peter and St Paul. Much of her research was captured in the above article but the following excerpts were previously omitted and have been included here.

“For many years the correct identity of ... William East, could not be verified. It was only known that he came from the town of Buckingham or the county of Buckinghamshire, but with the common name of William, and parents named John and Mary, it was impossible to determine which family was correct, even in the 1841 census of England. For over 20 years his English origins remained a mystery.

(This) represented a research brick wall that was finally overcome with a stroke of luck, which was then confirmed with a lot of persistence and careful documentation.



Photo of Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, 2007, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England. Taken by Pamela Appleton Ames.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Buckingham</u> in the County of <u>Buck.</u> in the Year 18 <u>24</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
182 <u>4</u> <u>June</u> <u>10</u> No. 929.	<u>George</u> <u>son of</u>	<u>Thomas</u> <u>Swanwick</u>	<u>Gumthrop</u>	<u>Buck in</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>J. Roberts</u> <u>Curate</u>
<u>June</u> <u>13</u> No. 930.	<u>William</u> <u>son of</u>	<u>John</u> <u>Mary</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Buck in</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	<u>J. Roberts</u> <u>6</u>

Old Parish Birth Register for William East (1824)

Source: Church of England, Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England. Baptism of William East. Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. Reel #117, Year 1824; Entry #930.

<u>John East</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
<u>Bachelor</u>	
and <u>Mary Clemenger</u>	of <u>this</u> Parish
<u>Spinster</u>	
were married in this <u>Church</u> by <u>Barons</u> with Consent of	
this <u>Seventeenth</u> Day of	
<u>October</u> in the Year One thousand eight hundred and <u>nineteen</u>	
By me <u>The Rev. J. Roberts Curate</u>	
This Marriage was solemnized between us { <u>John East</u> +	
{ <u>Mary Clemenger</u> +	
In the Presence of { <u>Richard Jordan</u> +	
{ <u>Mary Knich</u> +	
No. 204.	

Old Parish Marriage Register for John East and Mary Clemenger (1819)

Source: Church of England, Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, England. Marriage of John East and Mary Clemenger. Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. Reel Year 1819; Page 68, Entry #204.

Every resolution to a genealogical search spawns more questions and thus more research. I did pursue more information about the family of William East and was able to find the names of his paternal grandparents and four more

generations beyond William's mother, including many other family members in neighbouring Oxfordshire. I also became connected with others doing research on the same family lines. Such is the joy of genealogy!

John and Mary East ... did not immigrate to Canada, although three of their children did. Both of them were involved in the typical local industries. Census records and John's death record indicates that he was a farm labourer. Mary was a lace maker, probably produced from her own home.

As parents, they experienced tragic losses. Two sons died as babies and a daughter only lived to age 18. Three of their sons left home for the New World, and enjoyed association with each other in Ontario, but never returned to live in England. William left home about the time that his sister Mary was either sick or had just died at age 18. Their youngest son Thomas, was enlisted in the Imperial Army for 21 years, and spent time in India. After he was discharged and pensioned off, he returned to England. Sarah, the daughter who had married John Harris, may have been the only child to remain close to her parents in England.

Both John and Mary lived long lives; she was buried in the churchyard November 22, 1865 at age 79 and he died four years later on November 9, 1869 at age 78."

Local Research Assistants

We know that it can be difficult to get to record offices if you work during the day or don't live close to the office you need to visit; therefore, some of our members have offered to make visits to record offices to assist those who cannot go themselves. Please see the East FHS website, www.eastfhs.com, for contact details of Local Research Assistants, Peter and Pam, for their help with your research.

Alternatively, members might like the chance to accompany another member at a records office so that they have support to do their own research. If you are interested in this approach, please contact Angela, our research manager and look out for 'Easts Ramblings'!

Recruitment Poster

Please don't forget to find places such as libraries, Community Centres, Record Centres or local archives to display the East FHS poster kindly produced by Dorothy Morgan and her husband – it is designed to encourage new members.

Larry D. Duke, ‘Estes Trails’

I have again received the latest issues of the newsletter of the Estes family called ‘Estes Trails’, via email, for Dec ’24 and March ’25. It is usual for us to exchange electronic (pdf) copies of our respective journals with the Estes Family Society in America. It is published 4 times a year.

The December issue, as would be expected, contains stories of Estes (and variants) ancestors in America, including one Billie Sol Estes who was a con man convicted in 1962 of federal mail fraud and imprisoned for almost 11 years! Variants of the Estes name include Eastes, Easter, Eastis, Ester and Estess. There is also an article honouring Estes U. S. Servicemen buried in England. **[Editor: if ever you spot an ‘Este’ when cemetery hunting, please take a photo so I can send it to Larry.]**

The March issue notifies readers about a new AI tool for family history research. Roberta Estes reports that last year Familysearch.org began a new AI full text indexing tool – see ‘<https://dna-explained.com/2024/03/11/rootstech-2024-paradigm-shift-familysearch-knocks-it-out-of-the-ballpark-with-full-text-ai-search-transcription-indexing>’ or go to ‘Familysearch.org’ and follow the instructions to sign. The tool covers court and deed records, land lines and testimony. Roberta commented that it is very fast but notes that it only covers what other folks have recorded, and not all the information can be depended on. Could all EFHS members pass on any Estes (or variants) references that you find to a committee member, so that we may pass them back to Larry for his information.

The Founders’ Award

A prize of £50 will be awarded annually to the member of the EastFHS who submits the most interesting article for publishing in the Points East journal

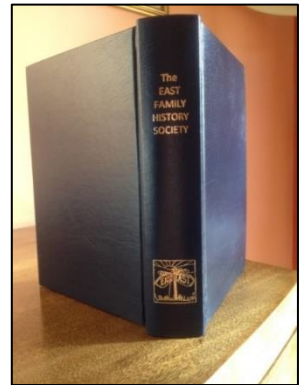
The articles will be judged by members of the committee and the result announced at the autumn AGM

Please send all articles by 1 August to the Journal editor
Amanda Gostelow: amanda@gostelow24.co.uk

In memory of John and Andrée East

Binders for Points East journals

These blue Cordex binders are capable of holding 12 copies of Points East, with the spine blocked in gold with the Society's name and logo. Each comes in its own 'large letter' postal box. Please let Gillian (Committee member) know if you might be interested in buying one or more binders; there are only a few left. The cost for one binder (including increased postage) is now £8. The cost for two binders (including postage together) is £15. Cheques to be sent to treasurer John (at his address on the inside front cover) made payable to the 'East Family History Society'.



Next Time in Points East....

The article 'A History of Big4 Easts Beach Holiday Park', subtitled 'From Cows to caravans, BIG4 Easts Beach Holiday Park has come a long way...' is being held over to the next Issue. The website article contains lots of lovely family pictures of the descendants of the Thomas & Elizabeth East who emigrated to Kiama, South East Australia in 1841. Together with the article will be the photos I took whilst visiting the Holiday Park last November.

A list of East casualties of the Second World War will be included next time, extracted from a Casualty Search of the CWGC. This spreadsheet covers names, Rank, Honours, Death dates and age at death, regiments/units served in, country served, place of burial, cemetery and grave details and additional family info.

Please consider some tasks to do if you get stuck with your own tree, such as visiting a local or further afield personal history site or investigating any DNA matches! I look forward to an article from you, and any associated pictures or trees, for the next journal.

~ Please keep sending in your copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates ~

Points East

To achieve production and distribution of the journal to members on the dates proposed: **All contributions need to be received by the 1st February for the Spring edition and 1st August for the Autumn edition.**

Distribution of copies to members will take place around 1st March and 1st September.

Please keep sending in your articles for publication but do bear in mind copyright law. We cannot publish any picture or writing that is copyright without permission. Send us family pictures, research successes, tree excerpts, bits of found information or family stories that will give variety to Points East. Large or small items - all are welcome. If you have any suggestions to improve it, please do let us know. Material will be held over for a future issue, or included on the website, if it cannot be included in the current one.

Annual Subscription Renewal

At the 2023 AGM, the annual subscription charge increase from £10 to £15 was voted upon and agreed unanimously, effective for existing members from the renewal date of May 1st 2024. The withdrawal of the option of a reduced 3-year subscription was also agreed. Existing 3-year memberships will of course be honoured, and the new rate will only become effective when those renewals are due. Members who have set up Standing Orders, please update your account with the new amount. New members joining will pay the new rate immediately.

You will receive a reminder each year in mid April which will include information on how to pay.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please email a committee member at one of the addresses on the inside front cover.

Although subscriptions can cover a member and nominated partner, only one copy of the newsletter will be provided per full member.

UK Residents and Overseas application forms are available to download from the East FHS website:

~ **www.eastfhs.com** ~

Payment should be made by either bank transfer (preferred):

Bank: The NatWest **Account Name:** The East Family History Society

Sort Code: 60-02-23 **Account number:** 65499727

Or by cheque payable to ‘**The East Family History Society**’

Please put a reference with your payment so that we can recognise who has renewed.

The aims of the Society are:

- To collect all references to the EAST/ESTE(S) name and all variations, to collate and store these records and to make them available to all members.
- To produce a Journal at least twice per year to be distributed to all members, the cost of which to be covered by subscriptions, and to make articles of interest available on the website.
- To advertise the Society's existence, thus bringing as many researchers of the names EAST/ESTE(S) etc. as possible into contact with each other.

Source Data

The Society's Research Manager holds the following data. Most of it is on computer and all of it is available, on request, to members for their personal use.

- A compilation of Family Trees (known as "the Big Tree") is held as a private, but searchable tree on Ancestry. This has nearly 14,000 names.
- GRO index of all EAST births from 1837 to 2005; marriages from 1837 to 2005 and deaths from 1837 to 2006. The index is held within the members' section of the EFHS website, and the access password is sent to new members when they join.
- Over 18,100 baptism, marriage, and burial Parish records. These are taken from actual records, transcripts or indexes and have been collected over time by EFHS members. Many are not on the IGI.
- Over 2,400 probate records extracted from the National Calendar from 1858 to 1967, together with some earlier probate records. These give exact dates, names and places of death, and sometimes additional information such as names of executors.
- Digital copies of over 100 EAST wills.
- A collection of over 2,800 birth, marriage, and death certificates.
- On computer, using 'Family Historian', a large collection of EAST family trees with over 12,000 individuals and more than 135 trees.
- A genealogical index of all mentions of the EAST surname from the Points East Issues 1-50.
- Civil registration indexes for EASTs in New Zealand (1840 to 1990) and Western Australia (1841 to 1905)
- An extensive collection of articles, newspaper cuttings, documents, and photos.
- Various biographies and autobiographies donated by members
- The UK National Burial Index (3rd Edition)

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