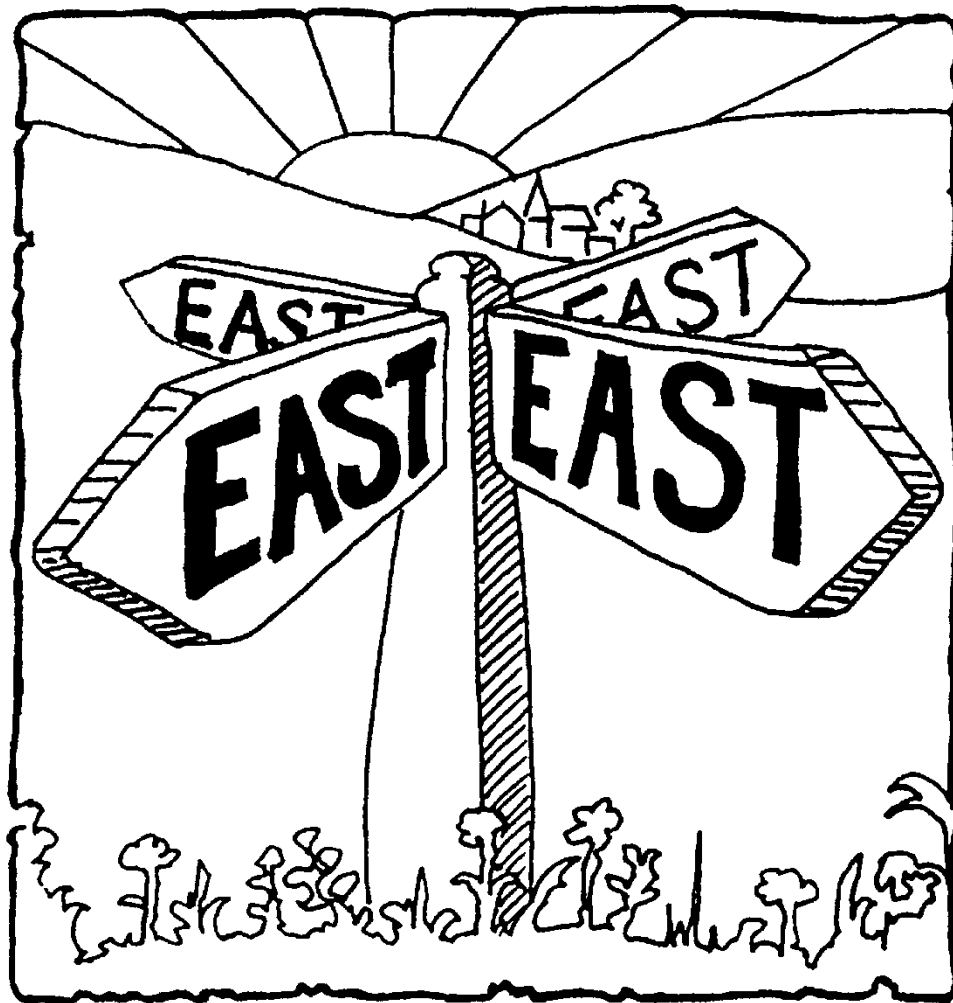


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A message from your new Chairman

Thank you for electing me as your Chairman.

I'm sure everyone who attended the 20th Anniversary AGM & Celebration lunch will agree that it was a great success.

My involvement with the EFHS has been a long one, beginning with my uncle, Ray East (my father's brother), who was one of the very earliest members. I came along to a couple of meetings with him as a guest. Then I became a member. When he could no longer travel, I took over our East research. I became a committee member in 2010.

If there are topics you'd like us to cover please let us know.

Keep sending your articles for the journal to our new editor, Amanda Gostelow, who did a great job as editor a few years ago.

I hope, with help from an excellent committee, I will be able to fulfil my position. - *Rosalyn Hipkin*

Editorial

Thank you for appointing me as your new Journal editor. Having previously edited a number of Issues between 2001 & 2005, I took a break to look after my parents through illness and to watch my children grow. Some of you may remember that my youngest son attended his first East FHS AGM at the tender age of just 10 weeks old in 1999 with his Great Grandad Kenneth East also present! My boys are now in their teens and though I like to think they still need me around, they probably don't.

I am glad to be back on the Committee and to have the pleasure of reading your submitted articles. I am pleased to say that some remain ready to be included in the next Issue! Please do continue writing your East-related stories, results of your family research or any other facts about Easts and send them to me via post or email for future publication.

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 new East FHS website, www.eastfhs.org, for details of Local Research Assistants or contact Peter, Pam or June (committee members) for their help with your research.

East Family History Society
AGM & 20th Anniversary dinner
5 October 2013
Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon
(report by Ron East)



The 20th anniversary AGM and dinner were held in the beautiful setting of a mansion built in 1856 and now part of Bishopshalt School in

Hillingdon. Pam Pearce and her husband Ken, who organised the venue and the catering for the day, were teachers there and still have close links with the school. In addition to the stately rooms in which the meeting and dinner were held there was also a conservatory and lovely gardens to explore. The weather was kind to us, too, so the day was set to be a great success - and so it proved.

The Society was founded in 1993 by John and Andree East. In the early days of the Society family research was a slow and patient occupation. A major display was prepared by Anne East, the Research Manager, to illustrate how family history research has changed in those twenty years beginning with the famous 'green books' prepared by John and Andree and containing page upon page of carefully handwritten notes in pencil to the present day and the age of the internet when so much information is now easily and quickly accessed online with the click of a mouse. Some members also brought their family trees to display including Dorothy Morgan whose tree stretched the full length of the room.

As members and guests arrived they were welcomed at the door and introductory drinks were offered by the caterers. Everyone mingled and talked happily and some old friendships were re-discovered. One member, with family travelling from New Zealand, met up with them for the first time at the dinner.

The AGM began at noon and was chaired by Lionel East, a former chairman of the Society. The meeting was well attended and the agenda was dealt with briskly, finishing just before 1.00 pm. Four additional members joined the committee and new appointments were made:

Chairman:	Rosalyn Hipkin (new appointment)
Secretary:	Ron East
Treasurer:	Andrew East
Journal Editor:	Amanda Gostelow (new appointment but a former Journal editor)
Research Manager:	Anne East*
Website manager:	Yvette East (new appointment)
Social Secretary:	Pam Pearce
DNA Project Manager:	Ron East
Committee Member:	Peter East (new appointment)
Committee Member:	Brian East (new appointment)
Committee Member:	Kevin East (appointed following the AGM)

* Note that Anne East has indicated her wish to step down in 2014 after seven years as Research Manager. During this time she has transcribed many of the original paper documents into searchable records which are now available online and have made research into East family history much easier. We are very grateful for the many hours that she has devoted to this task. The new Research Manager will have a much less demanding role. (see page 30 for a role description – Editor)

We were called to lunch shortly afterwards. Forty four people sat down to the meal. Rosalyn Hipkin, now our new chairman (please note that Ros prefers the use of the title, 'chairman'), had placed a commemorative mug at each table setting. The committee had decided to have a set of such mugs made for the occasion. There had been much interchange of opinions by e-mail about the design and colour of the logo before the choice was made. Ros arranged for their manufacture. They are very fine mugs in white porcelain. Each member who attended the dinner, and the guest speaker, received a free mug, wrapping and a bag in which to take it home safely. Additional mugs were also on sale. Members who had not attended the dinner have since been contacted by e-mail and been offered their free mug in exchange for paying for post and packing. Again, Ros has handled all these postal sales and has done so most efficiently, including those sent to the USA. At the time of writing, there are very few mugs left so the number ordered was about right.



The guest speaker, Michael Gandy, sat at a top table together with Lionel and his wife Claire, and with Anne and Ron East. The meal was excellent with a choice of a fish, meat or vegetarian main course together with starters and sweets - and there were plenty



of seconds on offer! Our caterer was a jolly fellow and kept a light hearted commentary on the food and the diners throughout the meal. There was a choice, too, of wines or soft drinks with the meal followed by coffee or tea.

Michael Gandy set his alarm and stood up to talk. He is a gifted, challenging and humorous speaker with extensive experience and knowledge of family research. Clearly, he could speak at great length on any aspect of genealogy - and he did. His talk was wide ranging and overran his alarm call but he held everyone's attention and left us with plenty of questions and facts to think about.

People were slow to disperse after the meal and gathered around in groups in conversation for some time. During the whole of this time, Pam and husband Ken had been moving around welcoming people, smoothing problems over and keeping the timetable for the day on schedule. After the meal Ken took several people on a guided tour around the old building.

Every comment that I overheard during the day was one of enjoyment and praise for the organisation, the food and venue. The Society owes a debt of gratitude for all the work that Pam and Ken did before, during and even after the meal to ensure success on the day - thank you very much Pam and Ken.



Rosalyn Hipkin & husband David



Peter East (L) & Brian East (R)



Yvette East (website manager) & husband Kevin



Head Caterer & 20th Anniversary lunch guests

**Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
of the East Family History Society
held on 6th October at Christchurch, Uxbridge**
(not previously published in an issue of Points East)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Caroline Foster, Barbara Skull, Lionel East, Edward East, Andrew East (treasurer), Philip East, Ray Roberts, Amanda Gostelow and David Lewin

2. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

Accepted by the meeting

3. Matters arising

Chris East explained that at the last committee meeting a decision was taken to write to five members whose family histories were of particular interest to the Society and invite them to undertake a Y-DNA test at the Society's expense.

4. Chairman's report: Chris East

4.1 A focus for next year's activities will be the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the EastFHS - see section13.

4.2 The existing website has been improved during this year - see section 10. A decision has been taken to develop a new website which will be completed and uploaded to the web by the end of this year. Committee members have already received and accepted a proposed design for the website which will include a blog. The design was also sent out to members but some could not open the document because it was in .docx form. It will be sent out again in .doc form.

(Action: Chris East)

4.3 Alan East, the first chairman of the Society for five years from 1995, died unexpectedly this summer. A card of condolence was sent on behalf of the Society. There was a private family service but a commemorative service is to be held.

5. Secretary's report: Ron East

5.1 Redesigned membership application forms (which allowed renewal by standing order) were sent out with the spring edition of Points East to all members due to renew their membership this year. All other members received a form to update their family history, if so required.

5.2 The Society currently has 85 members which is 11 members down from last year. Three members passed away this year including Alan East. Six members have resigned and 6 new members have joined the Society. Ten members have so far not renewed their memberships even though a second reminder letter has been sent in the post with a renewal form.

5.3 Membership information is now held in digital form.

5.4 Lionel East (past chairman), June Lines (past secretary/treasurer) and David Lewin (past committee member who now distributes the copies of Points East) have been co-opted on to the committee so that they can receive minutes and attend meetings if they so wish.

6. Treasurer's report: read by the Chairman in the absence of the treasurer

6.1 There is no charge for the use of the room at Christchurch but the Society gives a donation to the church. Thanks were expressed to Pam for continuing to arrange this venue for meetings.

6.2 It was noted that the annual £25 subscription to the web site company, taken out under contract for five years, has now risen to £37 for new contracts which is a useful saving for the Society.

6.3 Three sets of postal costs for the Journal appear in this year's accounts because one set was carried forward from 2011.

6.4 The Journal is the Society's largest single expense , costing about £1.50 each to print and post. However, it is preferred that a paper copy of the Journal is received by members rather than a PDF copy as an e-mail

attachment - except where members have chosen to receive a copy in this way.

6.5 The offer of a DNA test was taken up by two members. The total cost at the exchange rate current at the time (FamilytreeDNA is based in Houston, Texas) was £211.38.

6.6 The Society is about 'break-even' with no significant cash flow problem but more members are needed. Subscriptions will remain at their present level.

7. Research manager's report: Anne East

7.1 After 5 years of work on this project all main collections belonging to the EastFHS are now in digital form. Access to the information can now be found by searching the digital files, which also direct the search to appropriate paper files where necessary.

7.2 There are now 129 trees in the Family Historian tree programme. Many of the trees were duplicated or even triplicated but could not be deleted because they contained differing information. They were merged to ensure that this information was not lost and attached sources were also rationalised.

7.3 There were many paper items of information about Easts such as newspaper snippets, photocopies and photographs that have now been entered into a Miscellaneous Database. If the item was brief, the complete details have been entered and the paper record discarded. For larger items a brief description has been entered with a reference to the paper file in which it can be found.

7.4 Several members volunteered to help update the GRO Indexes. Both the Deaths' and Marriages' Indexes are now complete to 2006 and the Births' Index is still on-going. These GRO indexes will be distributed to all members when complete which should be by the beginning of 2013. The GRO Births' Index has been available by application from the website for anyone who submits their name and address. Twenty-three requests have

been received, 3 from current members who have received the complete Index to date. Two new members have joined as a result of this contact.

7.5 There are now more than 16800 Parish Records on file but there are many thousands to come. One member is presenting adding records from the Lincolnshire Archive website (which shows scanned images). Other contributors are welcomed.

7.6 The Wills' Index has been updated from data available on-line and from the EastFHS collection of paper wills. A number of paper wills or wills in digital form have not been transcribed. Volunteers are welcomed.

8. DNA Manager's report: Ron East

8.1 Four DNA tests have been undertaken by members since the last AGM: by Chris East (chairman) and Everett East Snr (husband of Lori East in the USA) who both paid for their own tests and Edward East and Richard East for whom the Society paid for the tests.

8.2 Chris East and Ron East (secretary) have a MRCA which is well documented. He is Henry Ashler East (born 1842 in Burgh le Marsh). For Ron he is the g-grandfather and for Chris he is the g-g-grandfather. However, the Y-DNA 37 marker test showed 4 mismatches - predicting a probability of Ron and Chris having a MRCA within the last 4 generations of only 3.82%. Therefore, 4 rapid mutations have taken place within one or both branches of the family within the intervening generations. However, Chris and Ron are members of a relatively rare haplogroup, R1a1a, and they are the only two that match, even at 4 mismatches apart, in the whole FamilytreeDNA database which contains about half a million records.

8.3 The test for Everett East Snr showed that the closest match with any member of the EastFHS database was with Leslie Charles East at 7 mismatches apart. The result, sadly, is not significant. The probability that Everett East and Leslie East shared a MRCA within the last 4 generations is 0.03% and even within 12 generations is only 9.02%.

8.3 Edward East had a perfect match with Raymond W D East in Canada so these two family trees are now joined in the EastFHS database. Edward and Raymond have since established contact.

8.4 Richard East had no statistically significant match but his data has been added to Y-DNA database for the Society, establishing a new family line that could provide a match in the future.

9. Editor's report: Chris East

The next edition of Points East will be printed shortly after the AGM. It has been difficult to get articles for publication and an appeal has gone out to all members to submit articles of interest about East family histories or about research that might prove of interest to new members.

10. Website Manager's report: Peter East

10.1 There have been 3 major and 2 minor updates to the site since the last AGM and there will be 1 minor update again to cover the AGM before a complete redesign of the website later this year.

10.2 Peter East designed and has managed the Society's website for 11 years during which time there have been 13062 'hits' on the website. With the launch of a new website by the end of this year, Peter has decided that this will be an appropriate time to step down as the website manager and member of the committee.

10.3 An appeal has been made for a new website manager whose role will be to maintain and update the pages of the website. No expertise in the design and development of the website will be required.

11. New website design: Chris East

11.1 The new website is being designed by Chris together with Paul East who has expertise in the field of website design. The proposed structure has already been agreed. The blog will contain snippets of interesting recent work and will provide opportunities for members to reply. There will

also be a 'members' room', accessed via a password, which will contain more EastFHS data.

11.2 It is planned that the design of the new website will attract more people to the site and recruit more members. A draft form of the website will be sent out to all members for approval (before it is uploaded to the web and becomes searchable by search engines) and it will be launched by the end of this year.

(Action: Chris)

12. Election of Officers

The Chairman and committee were willing to stand again for re-election with the exception of Peter East who will retire. The Society is seeking a new website manager.

Valerie Molyneux proposed that the remaining officers continued in post and this proposal was seconded by Ken East.

13. EastFHS 20th anniversary celebrations

Following much discussion it was resolved that the celebration will take place on the same day as the AGM on the weekend of 5-6 October, 2013. There are two possible venues: Christchurch, Uxbridge on Saturday, 5 October and, alternatively, a hotel in a more convenient location for some members such as Banbury, on Sunday 6 October.

(Action: Chris)

Pam assured the meeting that catering, ranging from a cold buffet to a hot meal, can be provided at Christchurch if that were chosen. Members will be contacted to find:

- whether they will be attending
- which venue they would prefer

(Action: Anne and Chris)

The decision about which venue, and therefore the date, will be made at the next committee meeting in the new year.

14. Date of next AGM

The date of the next AGM will be either Saturday, 5 October or Sunday 6, October 2013.

15. AOB

14.1 Chris asked the meeting if the Society should take a stall at the 'Who do you think you are?' event at Olympia on 22-24 February, 2013. The feeling of the meeting was that the Society would not take a stall but had no objection if Chris wished to attend on behalf of the Society. The cost of a stall is £200 which Chris is prepared to fund.

14.2 Rosalyn presented some costings for the production of mugs, key rings, pens etc. that could be offered for sale at the celebration event but a discussion of this was held over to the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm following a break at 12.55pm for lunch. Anne closed the day by giving an excellent presentation entitled 'Easts - the Good, the Bad and the Ugly' which looked at the lives of some notable members of the family from the past.

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14 October 2012

*** Please note that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM held last October & mentioned in the article on page 2/3 will be reproduced in the next Issue of Points East in Autumn 2014 (Editor)*

Binders for Points East journals

The Committee are hoping to source more blue Cordex binders for you to hold your copies of the journal. The previously available binders were capable of holding 12 copies of Points East, with the spine blocked in gold with the Society's name and logo. Please let the General Secretary know if you might be interested in buying one or more binders. Price yet to be determined.

Find the new EAST FHS Website at 'www.eastfhs.org'

Next Reunion, Lunch and Annual General Meeting

The Annual Get-together of the East Family History Society will be held on
Saturday 4th October 2014

(More details will be provided nearer to the date)

A small quantity of Commemorative mugs will be available at the reunion at £4 each.

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

We are most grateful for contributions of copies of Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates & would encourage you to continue to send copies of any further certificates you acquire to our Research Manager.

Please note

The East Family History Society is affiliated to
GOONS (the Guild of One Name Studies).

Anyone interested in an 'Old Journal' swap??

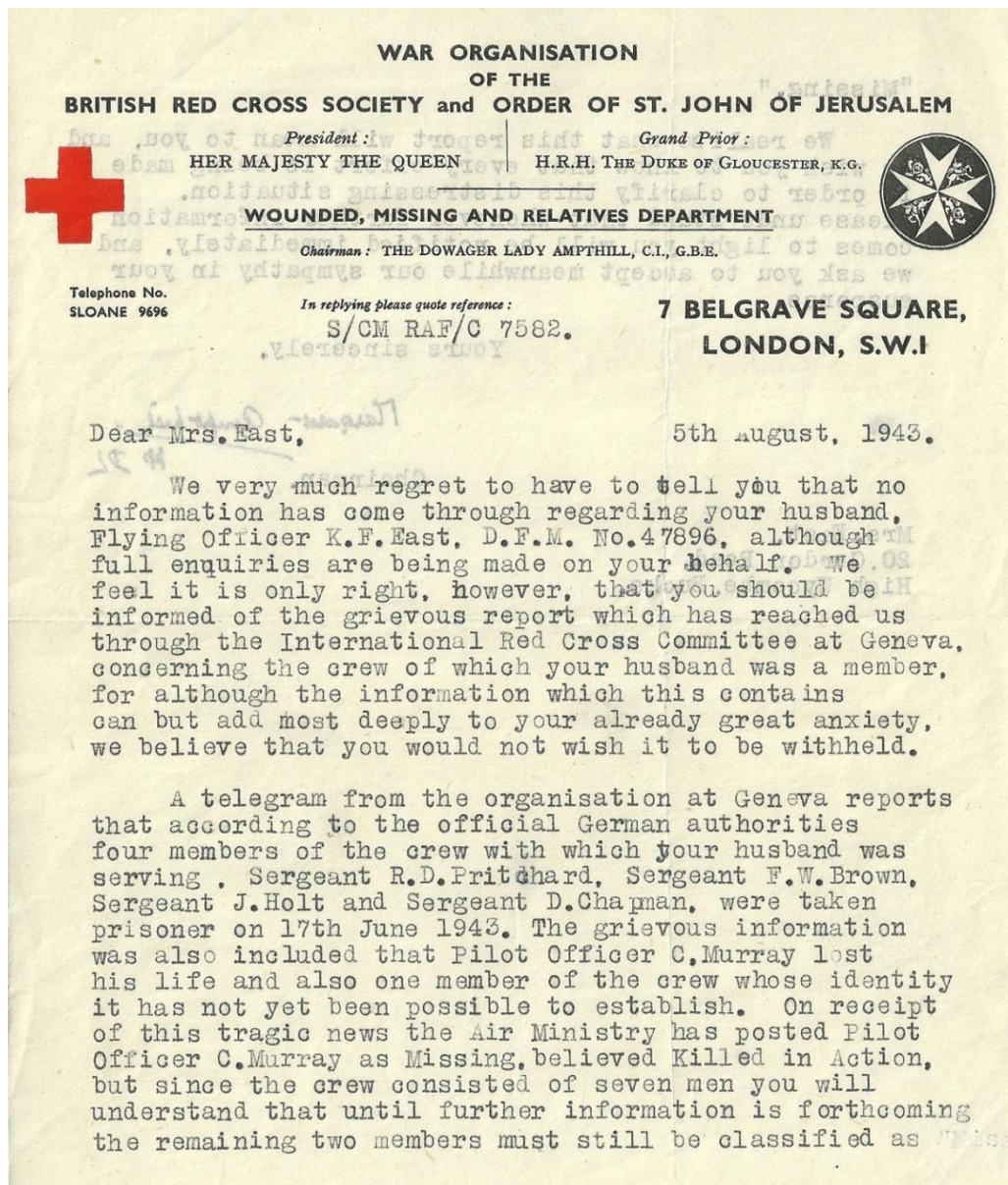
During a recent clear-out, member Peter J East found 15 assorted copies of *Points East*, dating Spring 1995 -2004. When he told me, I went through my two binders of journal copies and discovered I am missing 'Spring 2007' but have two copies of 'Autumn 2002'! I also do not have early issues 1-11 which I would like to acquire. Does anyone else have duplicate copies, maybe from inheriting one? Is anyone missing an issue & wants to obtain a full set? Can I suggest that, at the next AGM in October, we bring any spare or unwanted copies so that others may make use of them – maybe in exchange for a donation to the Society funds for each copy received. If you have spares but cannot make it to the AGM, please send them to one of the committee members so that we can pass them on. Alternatively, there's always recycling (but reuse is so much better). Anne does have a full set of *Points East* issues, so if anyone wants an individual article from a past issue, please contact Anne and she has offered to scan any articles required.

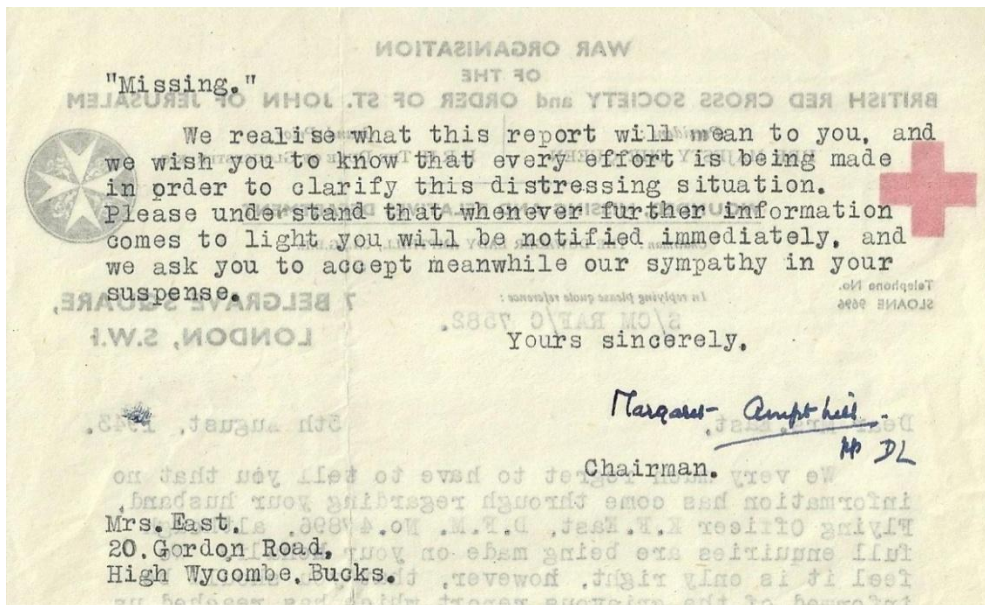


EAST FHS 2013 Article Competition – Winning entry

Flying Officer K.F. East DFM No.47896 by Amanda Gostelow

Being now the family archivist, I recently took possession of my late grandfather's documents, including two huge files of his letters, mainly to my late grandmother, dating from 1936 (when they first met aged 18 and 16) to 1950 (marriage, WWII and 3 children later!) I thought I'd choose a short selection of his letters and reproduce them here. To set the scene, my grandfather, Kenneth Francis East, was reported missing as a result of air operations on the night of 16/17th June 1943, 'when a Lancaster aircraft in which he was flying as wireless operator set out to bomb Cologne and was not heard from again.' (Air Ministry quote)
The first of the selection is actually a scan of a War Organisation letter to my grandmother, dated 5th August 1943 :





My grandfather's first postcard home after capture and imprisonment in Sagan (Germany/Poland) was dated 23rd August 1943. A note on the letter says it was received by my grandmother in November '43!

It reads as follows : *'My Darling Betty, I am safe and uninjured and I hope that you haven't worried too much all this time. Give my regards to Mum & all our relations and especially Cynthia who will be quite a big girl now. Don't worry about me now, darling, for I am being treated well. God bless & keep you. Ken'*

It sounds very censored to me!

The following letter is more detailed, though very formal

'28th August 1943. My Darling Betty; This first letter is more in the nature of a request. The weather here is going to be cold later on, so I must have some extra woollen clothing, gloves especially and if you can possibly manage it, a blanket or travelling rug. The Red Cross will give you coupons & instructions on how to send them. Also get a licensed newsagent to send me some exercise books, pencils, mathematics & radio text books, and Rothmans for cigarettes. I understand that five pounds per month is being deducted from my pay per month for my use here and the rest is going to the bank as usual so you shouldn't be short of cash & we should be able to save plenty. We have no work to do here except our own cooking & laundry and so far it has been quite successful. I'll probably be able to give you a few recipes when we are together again after the war. Well, darling, let me know how Cynthia is getting on & all the local news in your next letter. Look after yourself. All my love, Ken.'

There are many other letters sent from my grandfather over the ensuing years, but only one remains that my grandmother sent to him – this is dated 27th September 1943 and was the first she wrote after receiving the good news that he had survived.

Unfortunately, the reason I have it is that it was returned to her undelivered (as were others to Ken's parents towards the end of the war). The first letter my grandfather did receive from his wife was sent from England on 4th October 1943 and arrived in Sagan on 8th December! He must have been so frustrated to not receive any replies for months! The receipt of every letter was detailed meticulously by my grandfather in his Wartime

Log with a date received, date dispatched and sender for each, together with a calculation of how long it had taken to get there. The longest postage time was 299 days! The final selection I have made was my grandfather's last letter before his long march home to England ('The Great Trek' he called it). He had been moved to a new camp, Stalag IIIA (Oflag), and was now, by the sound of things, desperate to be home

'My Darling Betty, In another three days, Chikko will be two years old! I can hardly realise that so much time has passed since I was last at home. However, I shan't have much longer away. Darling, you have had two years of hard work bringing up and looking after Chikko unaided. I appreciate what you have done and I won't forget it. Being this side has taught me more than ever to appreciate homelife and above all home cooked food, However much I write, I could never convey how much or how often I long to be home, and it is hope of this that keeps me going. Since our move to this camp, I have received no incoming mail and at present I can't hope for any yet. This makes the days harder to bear, and God knows they are hard enough in any case. But soon we shall be together again. We must go away for a long holiday; any place will do as long as we are together. Afterwards, I want to carry on my studies and one thing you can do now for me, is to obtain a series of mathematical text books for me, including all branches and to as advanced a stage as possible. You probably have plenty of plans for my return. I want to follow those as closely as possible, for I shall be able to enjoy any type of life for some time after coming home. Well darling, look after yourself & Chikko. I love you more than ever. Yours Ken'

By the way, Cynthia/'Chikko' was my mother, only three months old when the aircraft was shot down; she next saw her father in May 1945....

My grandfather's last entry in his Wartime log was on Monday May 28th (1945). It says *'Home I hope. Thus ends one hell of an experience.'*

I have had very mixed feelings reading all of my grandfather's letters; I have felt very proud, sad, angry, confused, disappointed and frustrated. I think it is probably unfair of me to judge a situation from reading only one side of a conversation, but I can't help but feel so sorry for my grandmother and mother for what they went through for two years. My grandfather was a survivor – of an aircraft tragedy, of Prisoner of War camp, of WWII – many weren't, and of course I'm so grateful to each and every person who fought for their country and risked their lives to bring peace in England. But spare a thought also for those at home – waiting anxiously for news of their loved ones, being told little for weeks, then trying to carry on with life as best they could for the sake of the children, whilst sending Red Cross parcels, text books, clothes and shoes to strange addresses in far lands, whilst being asked to keep the lawn mowed and the chickens healthy, whilst on rations themselves, with sirens going off around and life anything but normal. My grandmother was a true hero and I thank her for bringing up my mother so I could be here now to tell you their story.



EAST Divorces 1858 – 1911 – *by Anne East*

A recent set of images from The National Archives to appear on Ancestry are divorce proceedings from 1858 to 1911. I visited TNA a few years ago to copy my GG grandfather's divorce papers from 1885. I could have saved myself a journey because they are all on the Ancestry website now.

I looked up all the instances of EASTs in the divorce courts and present a summary for you here.

(listed with the Petitioner's name first)

1869	Alfred Edmund EAST	v	Sarah Ann EAST
1878	Eliza EAST	v	Edward EAST
1883	Mary Jane EAST	v	Charles EAST
1889	Lucy EAST	v	Frederick Charles EAST
1897	Elizabeth EAST	v	James Hyde Hinton EAST
1899	John Marlborough EAST	v	Leah Jane EAST
1910	Amy Ina EAST	v	Henry St George EAST

Summary of cases

❖ Alfred Edmund EAST v Sara Ann EAST

- Married Sarah Ann HATTON in Birmingham 3 Jan 1869
- Issue a female child born 12 Aug 1869. Birth registered as Katie Lilian EAST but on the 1871 census she is Katie L HATTON
- Petition that, from the start of the marriage Sarah Ann committed adultery with William OLDHAM
- Damages of £2000 claimed by Alfred Edmund
- Petition filed 1 Oct 1869 but the result is not with the records.
- We do have them on the EFHS trees

❖ Eliza EAST v Edward EAST

- Married as Eliza BUTLIN in Birmingham 31 Aug 1871
- No Issue of the marriage
- Petition that in Sept 1871 he attacked her with a knife. In Feb 1872 Edward deserted Eliza. In Jan 1874 she obtained a protection order. In July 1874 he shot her with a pistol and was sentenced to 20 years. Also in 1871 and 1872 he frequently committed adultery with a woman who passed as Mrs East at the house of Elizabeth Smith.
- Decree Nisi 31 Jul 1878
- We do have them on the EFHS trees

❖ Mary Jane EAST v Charles EAST

- Married as Mary Jane RODDA in St Leonards, SSX 25 Nov 1875,
- Issue Charles William (1876), Violet Mary (1878) and Dora Florence (1879)
- Charles restrained from selling or dealing with his property resulting from his father, Philip EAST's will. (Philip EAST b Earls Colne c1819; d 1876 in Kent)
- Petition that Charles treated her cruelly by striking her and seizing her round the throat. Also in 1879 he committed adultery with Mary Wesley by whom he has had a child.
- Costs and alimony totalling £725 ordered against Charles
- Decree Nisi 14 Nov 1883
- We do have them on the EFHS trees

❖ Lucy EAST v Frederick Charles EAST

- Married as Lucy FLAVELL in Melton Mowbray, LEI 24 Nov 1875,
- Issue Lucy Elizabeth (1879), John Thomas (1881), Flora Agnes (1886)
- Petition that Frederick Charles committed adultery in a brothel on numerous occasions between July and October 1889 with a woman unknown to the petitioner. Lucy petitions for separation, custody of the children and alimony.
- Responding to a claim by Frederick, Lucy claims not to have the jewel case and jewels *"as he well knows the box and jewels were destroyed by me, being imitation and worth about £3 at the most. As to the gold chain I do not have it in my possession; it was pawned by Frederick 2 or 3 years ago"*
- Petition filed 10 Oct 1889 but dismissed 25 Feb 1890 because no-one appeared at the hearing!
- No not on EFHS trees, can't find much about them. Frederick's father on 1861 census is John b c1824 in Marden, KEN

❖ Elizabeth EAST v James Hyde Hinton EAST

- Married as Elizabeth JULIAN in the London Register Office on 4 July 1889.
- Issue James Julian EAST (1889) and Vera Irene (1894)
- Petition that from 1896 James H H had co-habited with Violet Emily BLAMEY and is still doing so. Also that in Dec 1895 James HH struck Elizabeth in the face giving her a black eye. Also that he had communicated to her a venereal disease in about Sep 1894.

- Decree Nisi on 28 Feb 1898
- Elizabeth, the children and her sister Olivia reportedly went to NZ some time after the 1911 census.
- James H H's occupation was a mental nurse. No birth or death registration. It is not clear if there is a connection with the main Hyde Hinton EAST family. He claims his father was Charles, a wine merchant, and that he was born in Southwark, so a connection seems doubtful.
- We do not have JHH East on the EFHS trees

❖ John Marlborough EAST v Leah Jane EAST

- Married at Llandudno 5 Mar 1886. Leah Jane CODMAN.
- Issue Enid Charlotte EAST
- Petition that in many various places while on tour with their theatrical company in 1899 Leah Jane committed adultery with Keith FRAZER (who she later married) and ceased to co-habit with John M. Also adultery with Ernest MEANLEY alias VERE
- Cost of £500 requested against Keith FRAZER
- Decree Nisi 1 Nov 1901
- We do have them on the EFHS trees

❖ Amy Ina EAST v Henry St George EAST

- Married as Amy Ina WALKER in Steyning, SSX on 4 Oct 1906. Certificate included with images
- Issue Georgina (1907) Leslie Jack (1908) Maxwell (4 Dec 1909)
- Petition that Henry St G committed adultery in 1909 with a woman unknown. That he struck Amy about the face and arms on 3 Dec 1909 (note date). That he struck her with a riding crop in Feb 1910 and later that year used threatening and abusive language.
- Although the petitions were filed in June 1910 there is no Decree Nisi or any other outcome of the case. Amy and Henry are living apart in 1911
- We do have them on the EFHS trees

I MARRIED A NUNN – *by Ray Webb*

Actually I married Valerie East back in 1968 and, when the time came, I started the research into the East family tree. It was a straightforward line back through Mortlake, Battersea and Lambeth to Valerie's great great grandfather's birth at Earls Colne, Essex, in 1810. The baptism entry stated that James East was the illegitimate son of Sarah East and was baptised in 1811 at St. Andrews Church.

Some years later Valerie's brother, William James East, who has lived in Australia for the last 40 years, had his DNA tested and a Y-DNA match was found with another EFHS member, whose paper trail had led him back to a William East, born as the natural child of James Nunn and Sarah East, in Earls Colne in 1813.

Some valiant work was put in by the then Chairman of the EFHS, Lionel East, and Research Managers Ron and Anne East and the conclusion reached by the DNA results suggested that both James and William shared the same father. 'Points East' highlighted these findings a few years ago and the subject crops up again from time to time.

The Essex Records Office, for a fee, allows digital access to the original Essex parish registers via the internet for a period of the user's choosing. The following entries were noted from the baptism registers of St. Andrews Church, Earls Colne:

Thomas, son of Sarah East, illegitimate, 27th June 1802;

William, son of Sarah East, bastard, 19th June 1808;

James, son of Susan East, illegitimate, 12th April 1811;

William, son of Sarah East, natural child of James Nunn of Earls Colne, farmer, and Sarah East, 3rd April 1814;

Caroline, daughter of Sarah East, reputed father James Nunn of Earls Colne, farmer, 9th April 1819;

Philip, son of Sarah East, reputed father James Nunn of Earls Colne, farmer, 9th April 1819;

Sampson, son of Sarah East of Earls Colne, washerwoman, a bastard, 29th April 1821.

A further entry of note is the Earls Colne baptism entry for Sarah East: Sarah, daughter of Susan East (illegitimate) 7th March 1784.

That James Nunn was father to both James and William East seemed certain. The icing on the cake came with the 1827 Will of James Nunn where he leaves a legacy of £50 each to the children of Sarah East, who he names in order of birth. He also names two other sons by different ladies. He makes provision, by way of instructions to his Executor, for the futures of all the children by binding them out to a trade and keeping them clothed. He makes no provision for Sarah East or the other mothers. The £50 legacies were later reduced to £15 by codicil.

Missing from the list of names in the Will is the William East of 1808. Either he was the result of a dalliance by Sarah East with someone else or, maybe he died young before the second William was born. No further trace of him has been found. In the registers Susan East is given as the mother of James. This is probably a mistake and, as supported by the DNA results, should read Sarah. Susan East died and was buried on

28th February 1837 aged 87 and at the time of James' birth she would have in her early sixties.

Where Susan East came from has not yet been determined. I have searched most of the parishes around Earls Colne 1740-1760 for her baptism, but without success. Perhaps she was a young widow when she had the illegitimate Sarah c.1784?

There will be a lot of Easts out there who have the Nunn connection. At least three of the children of Sarah East and James Nunn produced offspring:

(1) Thomas East of 1802 married a Nottingham lady named Ann and lived and worked in Nottingham as a successful builder. He doesn't seem to have had children, but staying with him in various Censuses were his nephew Thomas East (son of William) and niece Caroline East (daughter of Philip). He died in 1871 outliving all his siblings apart from brother Philip and sister Caroline (aunt to the above Caroline). He mentions his siblings in his Will and leaves legacies to each of his surviving nieces and nephews.

(2) James East was a carver and gilder and married Elizabeth Halliday in 1834. They had nine children. James died in 1861;

(3) William East was a tailor and married twice, first to Sarah Ann Young in 1834 and, after she died in 1848, married Sophia Jarvis in 1851. William had five children with Sarah and one with Sophia in 1858. William died in 1864;

(4) Caroline East never married and, after a life in service in London and Sussex, died in 1900 at Hastings;

(5) Philip East, another builder, this time in Islington, married Charlotte Wheatley in 1841. They produced eleven children between 1845 and 1859. Philip died in 1876;

(6) Sampson East was a wheelwright/carpenter, remained unmarried and died in 1869 at Fareham in Hampshire.

Whereas no leads have yet come to light regarding the forbears of Susan and Sarah East, the Nunn family is a different matter. James Nunn was one of the sons of Francis Nunn and Martha Tebbell. Francis owned land and estates in the Halstead and Earls Colne areas. His name crops up in the History of Essex and his family roots cross the border into Suffolk. In his Will of 1794 he leaves property to his son James with the proviso that if James did not comply with the Will's conditions, then the property should revert to his eldest son - perhaps suggesting James was a bit of a maverick?

The mother of these illegitimate children, Sarah East, lived a long life. She appears in the 1841 and 1851 Censuses living in Earls Colne as a laundress. She died in 1860 aged 79 years and was buried in the graveyard of St. Andrew's Church in Earls Colne. The Essex Society for Family History produce a CD with transcripts of the Monumental Inscriptions, descriptions of the headstones and their position in the graveyard. Sarah East's headstone is more ornate than one would expect for a mere laundress, and its position next to the grave of Francis Nunn and his wife Martha (James' parents), suggests there may have been some Nunn family involvement in her funeral. James Nunn died in 1827 and I have yet to find out where.

James Gully East, Actor – by Anne East

In my talk at the 2012 AGM I mentioned the colourful character, William Quartermaine EAST, who began his working life as a steward in a steam ship, became a hotel proprietor and was Sheriff of London for 1876. At the time I was studying him I had only found 13 children, although his widow, Charlotte Isabella (nee BATEMAN) states on the 1911 census that she has had 14 children. William Q EAST had died in 1906 but his widow continued the hotel business at the Central Hotel in Portsmouth.

Recently a discovery by June Lines of an obituary and article in *The Era* newspaper led to the discovery of William Quartermaine EAST's missing child. The interestingly named James Gully EAST was born in Worcestershire in Q1 1863.

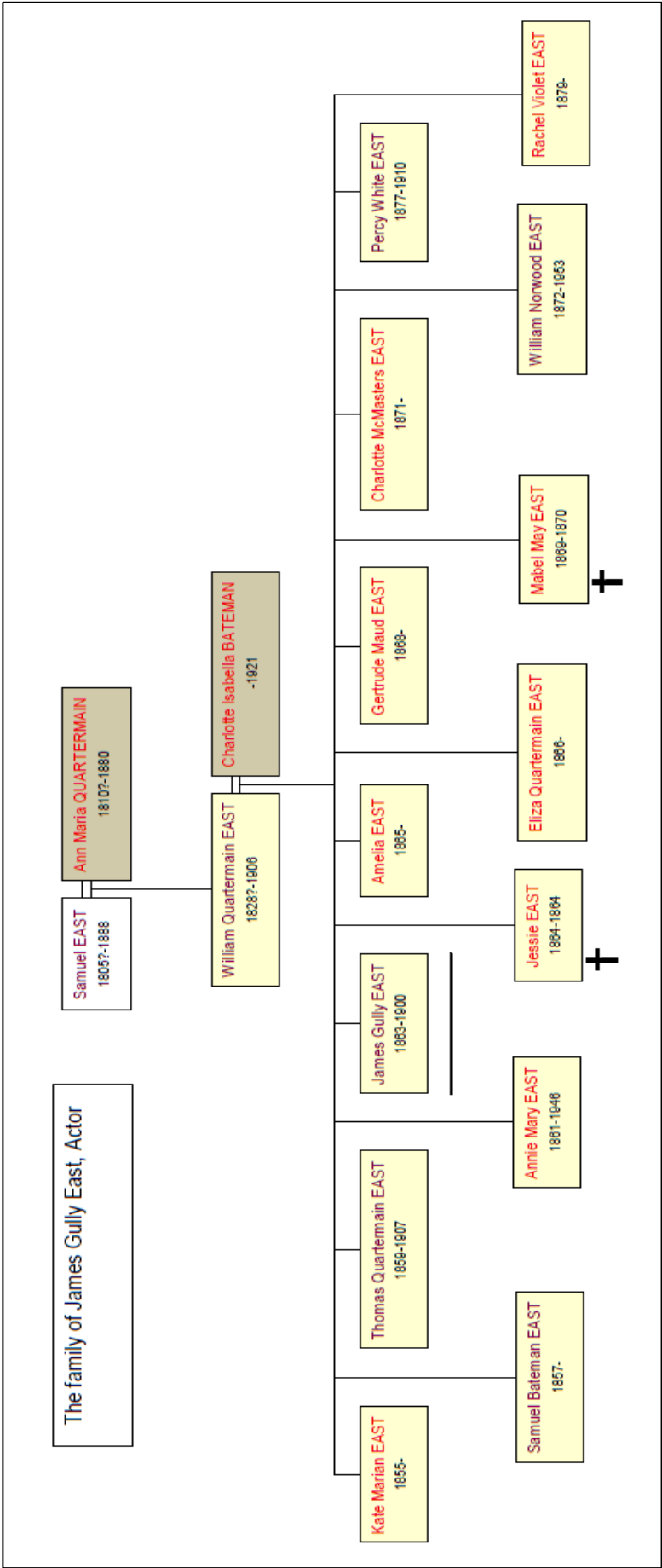
He was the fifth child of the family of fourteen, all the others being born in or around London. He never manages to appear with his family on a census! In 1871 he is away at school with his older brothers, Samuel Bateman EAST and Thomas Quartermaine EAST. By 1881 he is in the Army, resigning his commission with the 18th Hussars in January 1888. He then took up acting and writing and has already been listed in Points East in the list of Authors with the surname EAST.



James Gully EAST married Agnes McClean BENNIE on 11 June 1890 in Hampstead, declaring his profession as "actor". An article in *The Era* dated 29 September 1900 describes his acting career and says he is the son of Ex-Sheriff Quartermaine EAST. Unfortunately he died on 11 November 1900; the obituary in *The Era* says he died of typhoid fever after becoming ill during the last week of September.

When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.
June 11 th 1890	James Gully East	27	Bachelor	Actor
	Agnes McClean Bennie	28	Spinster	

The newspaper article makes interesting reading, especially the mention of his training of an acting horse, presumably a skill acquired during his time in the 18th Hussars. How sad that he was to die so soon after this was published.



**‘A CHAT WITH MR JAMES EAST’
- The Era 29 September 1900**

Mr James East started his theatrical career in January 1888 with the late John Clayton, who was unfortunately very ill at the time. The tour commenced with Arthur W Pinero's Dandy Dick and The Magistrate. Always great friends they lived together on tour and to make a long story short Mr East nursed poor John Clayton throughout his illness and was the only one present when he breathed his last.

Mr East was then introduced by his friend Mr Leonard Boyne to the Olympic Theatre and there played a naval officer in Barnes of New York. This led to an offer to play the low comedy part in She at the Gaiety Theatre, for which impersonation Mr East received some excellent London notices. He migrated to the Princess's Theatre where low comedy once more claimed his attention in The Love that Kills. Then followed many years at the Adelphi where Mr East made a hit as a sporting lord, the model for which was at once recognised by all the London critics and indeed by the public generally. For this part Mr George R Sims, the author of the piece, lent the actor a cigar case studded with diamonds and while fully appreciating being able to display so genuine an article, Mr East says he will never forget his nervousness until he had restored it safely to its owner. So valuable a "prop", however soothing to the artistic soul was not, in his case at any rate, conducive to a peaceful mind. Then followed The Trumpet Call in which Mr East's great scene was with that talented actress Mrs Patrick Campbell. The London press spoke well of his impersonation, the

Daily Telegraph saying he "answered well to the trumpet call of art".

Next came what proved to be one of Mr East's happiest engagements with Mr and Mrs Kendal in America and he speaks enthusiastically of their kindness and the trouble Mrs Kendal will take with young actors who do not think they know everything. They asked Mr East to return with them the following year but he had already settled with Sir Augustus Harris for The Derby Winner at Drury Lane. In this he played what on the first night was a very big part, that of an Irish Colonel but the drama played an hour too long and the Colonel was reduced to a junior captain; in compensation, however, Mr Cecil Raleigh, one of the authors, offered Mr East a big part in The White Heather which he was unable to accept owing to previous engagements. Mr East has lately produced two or three plays in the provinces and, acting on his advice, Mr G B Nichols, the well-known cricketer and author of Under the Red Cross sent the drama on tour where its present success portends a run of many years. In the great scene "The Leap of Death" the African charger 'Murrumbidgee' – which by the way Mr East trained himself – is ridden by him with the heroine in his arms over a chasm. Mr East is in the saddle with the heroine in his arms for fully three minutes and the animal's passive behaviour during this time and indeed throughout the whole play, speaks volumes for the skill of the trainer. At a motion of the finger 'Murrumbidgee' goes off the stage and Mr East has many scenes with it which have never before been attempted. It is always difficult to "star" the villain of the play but Mr East and Murrumbidgee

invariably take the final curtain to a round of applause.

Mr James East is the son of Mr Ex-Sheriff Quartermaine East, a Lieutenant of the City of London. He is a married man and resides at 69 Carlton Mansions, W.

Mr East intends shortly to produce at matinees on tour two new plays, one by G B Nichols, the other by Hawley Francks and himself.

Mr James East is acting this week at the Surrey Theatre in Under the Red Cross.

His versatility is shown in the fact that he takes a heavy lead in the drama and also in a farce entitled The Kitchen Girl he plays the low comedy part and yet again may be considered a clever animal trainer. During the course of events in Under the Red Cross Mr East is killed. While he is lying on the stage his African charger, Murrumbidgee comes to the body and compassionately licks it over. This scene is received with deafening applause by the Surreyites.

The John and Andrée East 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@goslow.demon.co.uk

NOTE: John and Andrée East were founders of this Society in 1993

Who do you think you are USA – by Rosalyn Hipkin

I watched “*Who do you think you are (USA)*” last year - it was about the family of actor Rob Lowe (star of ‘West Wing’ & ‘Parks’).

His great grandmother was Bessie May East.

It transpired that he is a descendant of Christoph Oeste (1754-1820), born in Germany, the youngest of 8 children. He, along with many others, went to the US & was involved in the battle of Trenton in 1776.

He stayed in the USA, changing his name to John Christopher East.

He was followed by another John, then Samuel, then Monroe & finally Bessie May.

(Anne, our research manager, could find no reference to anyone in this family - perhaps one of our members knows more)

EAST FHS 2013 Article Competition – *by Cathy Baker*

“Adventures with Dad”

Arthur East had grown up with one younger and two older sisters to keep him in line. I was an only child, but by coincidence my own family of four mirror Dad's. He desperately wanted a son to share his passion for sport, but got me instead - a daughter keen on art, drama & music.

Dad was a good dad & we had some fun outings together: I have fond memories of learning to swim at “The Mayor's Paddock” near Temple Meads Station in Bristol. ‘Meads’ and ‘paddock’ suggest that these areas by the river Avon were green fields. I imagine that the Mayor of Bristol kept horses for his carriages on the original site of the swimming pool. Now the land is long since built up- covered largely in flats and houses.



I was probably about five when Dad let me ‘swim’ in the deep end: he believed in the ‘sink or swim’ school of teaching and only laughed when he had to pull me out spluttering from the water. The baths had deteriorated by the early 1950s and I remember the gritty feeling at the bottom of the pool, where the tiles were crumbling. When “The Mayor's Paddock” closed, we had our Sunday swim at the Bristol South Baths, followed by a hot drink of Bovril to warm us up.

On holiday in Newquay, Dad would dig me out for an early morning swim in the Atlantic. Back at the hotel, our skin freezing cold, we'd crawl in either side of Mum to warm ourselves up. She was a non-swimmer, a ‘paddler’ only, so Dad and I swam by ourselves on Towan Beach and later in the 60s body-boarded together at Fistral Bay.

Dad liked playing golf, so we played together on the ‘putting green’ at “The Kilacourt” in Newquay and at the municipal golf course on the Smyth Estate, close to my school. Whatever he was playing: golf, cricket, beach rounders or ‘Gary King’ (a card game he loved)- he was intensely competitive and loudly jubilant when he won.

Another ‘adventure’ I remember was our annual outing to pick blackberries, in Leigh Woods. We didn't have a car so Dad and I thumbed a lift up the hill, by the Avon Suspension Bridge. Dad would push me up the banks to collect the most difficult-to-reach berries and would catch me as I fell back giggling. Before our return journey we would sit outside the pub, whilst Dad enjoyed a ‘shandy’ and I was treated to a fizzy lemonade. Mum's part in this, of course, was to make a delicious blackberry and apple crumble for the ‘hungry hunters’.

When I was older I accompanied Dad to cricket matches. He played for Bedminster CC and captained a ‘colts’ team, which was a dream for a boy-mad daughter. He taught me

how to score for their games and I willingly gave up my summer Saturdays to travel to matches.

Before the stroke that made him virtually housebound, husband Alan and I played one last round of golf, at Ashton Court. Dad was as competitive as ever: a man who worked all his life in the same builder's office but loved the outdoors and good company.

Dad signed 'The Pledge' for me when I was born. He was abstemious, never swore and was a strict father. He rejoiced in my academic success and supported my ambitions to become a teacher. I have, as you see, many happy memories which I shall always treasure: this was a dad who was fair, firm and fun! Grasmere

EAST FHS 2013 Article Competition – *by David East*

'TIME & TIDE'

I am the great-grand nephew of the wife of Oliver Winter. She was Mary Anne (Polly) Sumerling. Her sister Elizabeth married into the East family. Oliver was born 7 February 1850 and married Polly on Christmas Day 1873.

Oliver's birth certificate shows he was born at St. Mary's Plain, St.Margaret, Norwich. It shows not only the date, but also the time, 5.30pm. As you know, times are normally only recorded where there is a multiple birth. So I spent many hours looking for his twin (or more).

My search proved fruitless! Eventually I phoned the Norwich Registry Office. They were also puzzled but promised to investigate further. Then someone remembered a particular Registrar who had a habit of recording times as well as dates for all entries. Problem solved.

Oliver grew up in the Norwich area and worked for many years with the well known printers and publishers, Jarrolds. Sadly, he took his own life by drowning. The inquest and local newspapers reported this to be 'whilst of unsound mind', due in part to increasing pressure of work. The newspaper articles gave me copious information of relatives etc who attended the funeral.

Oliver ended his life on 11 November 1904 by throwing himself into the 'German Ocean' at the end of the Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth. The last person to see him alive was probably the attendant on the pier. His body was spotted by a fisherman who, together with a policeman, took him from the water.

His gold watch had stopped at 11.12. So we know the exact time he entered this world and the exact time he departed.

A cousin I never met – by Peter J East

This is the story of Walter Raymond East, a cousin I never had the privilege to meet. During my early teens I could remember family conversations and an occasional mention of a cousin called Peter who had been a Spitfire reconnaissance pilot shot down in WW2. Not until later years did it register with me that he was rarely mentioned and never on the very few occasions that I met his parents, Dora & Phillip.

Looking back, I presume that this may have been because people of my parents' generation had lived through two devastating world wars and death was perhaps accepted as a natural consequence, or that his immediate family had taken it very badly and preferred not to talk about him.

Whichever it was, I thought no more about it until about forty years later when my daughter started to research the East family history and made contact with Andree & John of EFHS. By this time both his parents and mine had died and detailed information about him was near impossible to locate.

It did occur to me that as a pilot killed in action, he would be on the RAF war memorial at Runnymede, close to where we live. A visit to the memorial one morning then threw up a new puzzle... yes, there was an East listed but his name wasn't "Peter". Once again, I didn't take it further until another 10 years or so when Google entered my life (much later than many of you!) With the benefit of various sites I was then able to piece together some of the latter years of his life.

It soon became apparent that "Peter" was only his family nickname and he was in fact Walter Raymond. He was born 16/3/1922 and lived with his parents in one of the many houses built by his grandfather (Phillip East, one of the Earls Colne Easts) near Lewisham SE London. Further investigation showed that he attended the John Roan School in Greenwich (1933-38) where I was pleased to learn that that a tree (no.68) had been planted in his memory. He worked in a photographic studio prior to joining the RAFVR 41 squadron on 24th May 1941 aged only 19.

It is at this stage I was fortunate to make contact with an Australian author Steve Brew, who has painstakingly reconstructed the history of 41 squadron in his book "*Blood, Sweat and Valour*". Steve has been extremely helpful to me, providing me with much of the information relating to the last 2 years of Walter's life and I am very grateful that he has allowed the following details of Walter's final flight to be used in our journal.....



Last flight report (© Steve Brew; reproduced with permission)

'3 May 1943 – Cold easterly winds reaching gale force in gusts, but otherwise mainly fine. The normal early morning shipping and weather reconnaissance flights to the Continental coast resumed at 06:15 this morning, with the Dieppe patrol undertaken by Flt Lt Hugh Parry (EN236) and Sgt Plt Walter East (EN612) as Red Section, and the Ostend patrol by Plt Off Leslie Prickett (EN609) and WO George Wilson (EN239) as Yellow.

There was nothing to report on the Ostend patrol, but Parry and East were intercepted by the Luftwaffe on the run to Dieppe. Flying down the French coast at zero feet, the pair turned onto a bearing of 30° when five miles west of Dieppe, and five minutes later onto a bearing of 60°. Barely had they done so, they were bounced by six FW190s from JG26 on their starboard side, at an altitude of only 500 feet. Behind them, two more enemy aircraft were also seen approaching from Dieppe.

Parry immediately turned to face the Focke-Wulfs and approached them head on, firing a short burst of cannon and machine gun at point blank range at one of them. He believed he hit the aircraft, but made no subsequent claim. He and East jostled for position with the fighters, but the 190s managed to get astern of the pair and broke them up. Three Focke-Wulfs went after Parry, and the remainder after East.

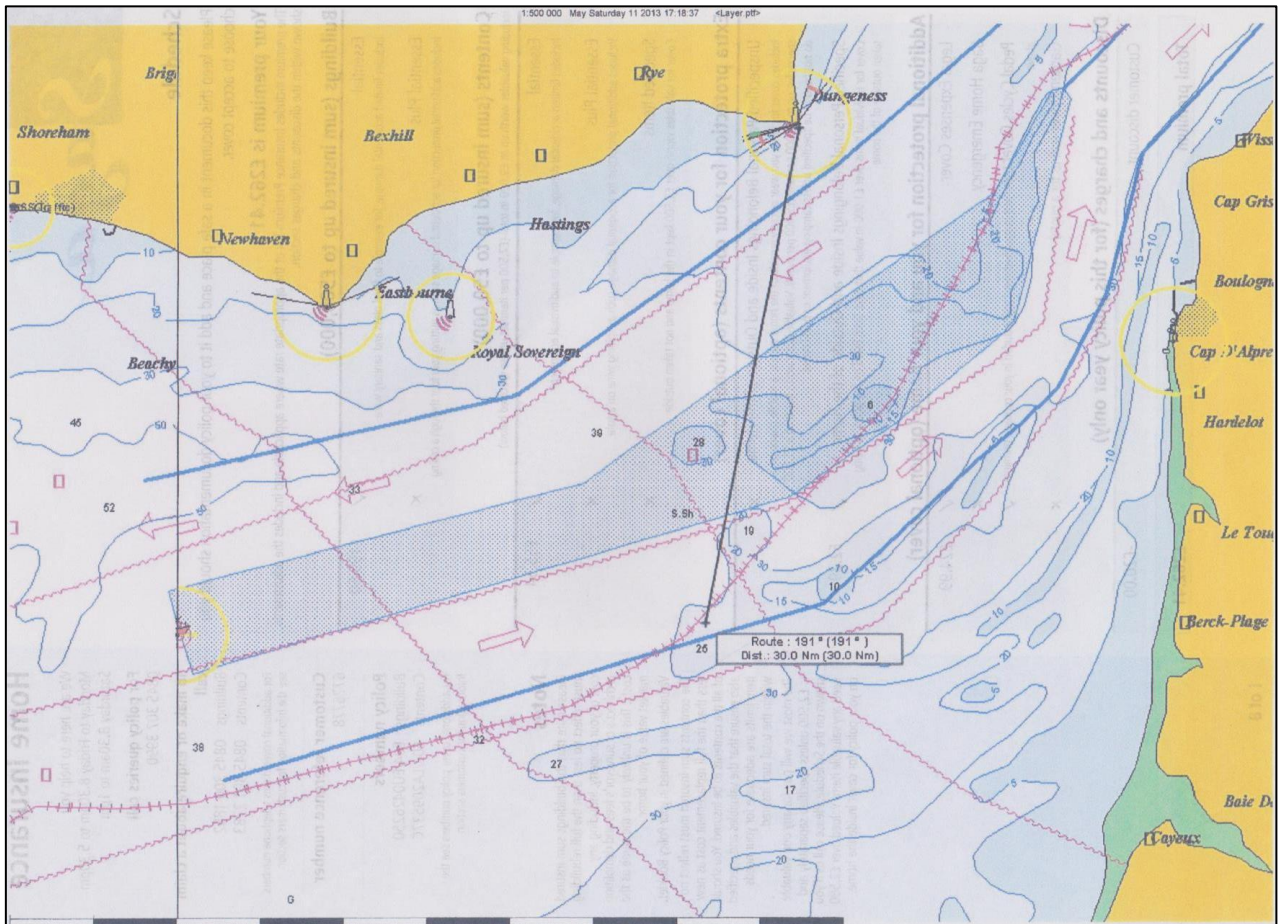
Parry jettisoned his auxiliary tank and opened up to 347 mph IAS, and was able to out-distance his opponents, which were emitting considerable boost smoke. They gave up the chase after around three minutes and Parry returned to Hawkinge at sea level at 07:10.

East was less fortunate. He was last seen by Parry about a mile to his starboard side at sea level, being fired upon from astern. He was subsequently heard over the R/T to issue a brief mayday, but he did not return and was not seen again. A German radio message was intercepted at 06:49, which sealed his fate: it stated that they had shot down a Spitfire. The claimant was Lt Walter Radener of 4./JG26, who thereby recorded his first victory, 20km west of the Somme Estuary.

Almost immediately, Sgt Plts William Downing and Stanley Biggs were despatched to search for East, followed a while later by Flt Lt Douglas Hone and Fg Off Clive Birbeck. It was, however, all in vain:

SEARCH[ED] POSITION 30 MILES ON 190 [DEGREES] FROM DUNGENESS FOR PILOT MISSING ON DIEPPE RECCO. WIDE SEARCH MADE ROUND POSITION GIVEN. NOTHING SEEN.⁶⁷

See over for last reported position....



By the time of his loss, 21-year-old East had been with 41 Squadron almost eleven months. “Sgt. East will be a loss to the Squadron. He was known as the ‘Wing Commander’ for some obscure reason”.⁶⁸ East is still missing today and is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

Notes

67. Intelligence Report from RAF Hawkinge to 11 Group, 09:43 on 3 May 1943, 41 Squadron Archives.

68. 41 Squadron ORB, 3 May 1943, TNA AIR 27/425.

We all need to be aware that many young men like Walter, aged only 21, gave their lives for our todays.

New Research and Database Manager Required – *by Anne East*

At the 2013 AGM, Anne East gave notice that she wished to stand down from the job of Research Manager for the Society. New blood and fresh ideas are always healthy for a committee and Anne will have completed eight years by October 2014. The time is right for another person to take care of the East FHS records.

What has been achieved in eight years?

When David Lewin stood down in 2006 he had made tremendous progress with organising the mainly paper based records of the Society. A huge amount of work had been done in getting many records including Family Trees, Parish Records and BMDs onto computer programs so it could be much more easily accessed. Anne has continued with David's work and in the last eight years the Family Trees have matured, the Parish Records have more than doubled, the BMD index is now complete right to 2005, a large number of marriage certificates (extracted from online resources) are in computer files, indexing of Points East is up to date and digitised thanks to much work by June Lines, and many miscellaneous facts are on a database where they can easily be accessed.

In his time, David had to deal with a large number of queries and letters from members. In recent years enquiries from members have reduced in number due mainly to the availability of data on-line. These days almost all enquires are by email and it is a simple task to send the relevant information the same way.

The job of Research Manager is very interesting and ideal for someone who loves the researching process of Family History. Maybe you've done most of the work on your own family? Rest assured it is just as fascinating doing research into other families!

What would the job entail?

1. There is usually one committee meeting and the AGM each year.
2. The terms of reference for the Society say the Research Manager should:
 - maintain and develop the Society's database of family history
 - co-ordinate the family history research of members
 - respond to members' queries and provide advice on research methods
 - provide material to the editor of the Society's newsletter
 - present the Research Manager's report at the AGM
3. You would need a computer, preferably a Windows PC, with internet access. A printer and scanner is also useful. An external hard disc and/or access to "cloud" storage for secure backups is advisable.
4. File types used for the data are Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and Access but other file types such as those provided by Open Office could be used.

5. The Family Trees are kept on the program *Family Historian* but any program which uses a GEDCOM file could be used. *Family Historian* is strongly recommended but you would probably want to use the program you are used to.

6. In spite of considerable pruning there are still a fairly large number of files of paper, at present they are kept in a metal filing cabinet. Anne is prepared to donate the filing cabinet if you have room for it.

7. Membership of *Ancestry* and/or *Findmypast* is extremely useful and makes the job much more enjoyable.

Anne would work with you for as long as it takes to transfer the records and you become used to using them. She is only an email away and will keep all the data on her computer to make discussions easy.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members :

New Member	Recorded Interests
Steven H R EAST Park View, Merthyr Road, Tafarnaubach, Blaenau, Gwent NP22 3AG email: eastjanice@yahoo.co.uk	EASTs in Blackwood, Gwent, Bristol, Ashburton, Devon and Widecombe on the Moor, Devon
Maurice EAST Killarney Mountain Lodge, 3 Commissioner Street, Killarney, On P0M 2A0 Canada email: maury@killarney.com	Grandfather Edward EAST b Birkenhead 1870 died Gallipoli 1915 Father George Henry EAST b Birkenhead 1900

Ken's War – by Amanda Gostelow

I still have some copies for sale (at £10) of 'The Extraordinary War Diary of Flight Lieutenant Kenneth F. East, DFM, MID.' The diary was written by my grandfather (see earlier article), a former member of the East FHS, and was edited and published by the family after his death in 2004. A tribute to him was written by myself within the book.

Services to Members

The EFHS Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1837 to 2005 – *by Anne East*

By now, all members with an email address should have received their new copy of the GRO index of EAST births, marriages and deaths covering the years 1837 to 2005. The Society is very much indebted to the hard work put into the indexes by a number of volunteer members. In the first instance David Lewin and Bill East, and more recently Janet Stevens, Pam Pearce, Caroline Foster, Chris East and myself.

I have had many emails of thanks and I know a lot of members enjoy using the indexes to search out distant family members. The index is on an Excel file which is easily "sorted" so, for example, all the children with a particular mother's maiden name can be grouped together; or all the deaths in a particular district can be found. I have had word from one member that the Excel file can easily be used on a Mac computer as well.

The total number of records is as follows:

Births	21,436
Marriages	16,008
Deaths	15,346

We are very sorry not to be able to make a printed copy of the indexes but as you can see the document would be very large indeed! There are some members who do not have email and therefore have not received their copy of the index. If anyone in this situation has access to someone else's computer I would be happy to make a copy of the index on a CD for you.

Please don't hesitate to let me know of problems in receiving the email, of using the index or if you would like a CD copy made for you.

Next Time ~

As well as the promised Minutes of the 2013 AGM, two more Competition entries will be included in the next Issue of Points East, from Valerie Molyneux and Caroline Foster. Also there is an article by Anne East on Parish Records, another on EASTs in British Columbia, an intriguing piece on 'a Puzzling Family' from Monks Risborough and an obituary for Clifford Walter John East. I also need to follow up articles from John East, Ben Jacob and Lyndsey Demmer that have been submitted previously but not yet made it into an Issue! Please keep them coming ...

Points East

The committee decided that to achieve production and distribution of the journal to members on the dates proposed:

All future contributions need to be received by the 1st February for the spring edition and 1st August for the autumn edition

The preparation of the final draft by the 15th of the month for printing

Distribution of copies to members 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 if it cannot be included in the current one.

Annual Subscription Renewal

An annual subscription (including a Family Membership) is £8.00. A three-year subscription at £20 is available. Sterling or its currency equivalent may be enclosed with an application form which you can download from the East FHS website – **www.eastfhs.org**.

Cheques should be drawn on a UK bank and be made payable to the **East Family History Society**.

It would greatly assist the Society if members could set up a Standing Order with their bank for the subscription. Our account is :

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

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

Alternatively, you could pay online to the above bank account and advise the secretary by email, but please put a reference with your payment so that we can recognise who has renewed.

Applications and subscriptions to the Secretary (see inside the front cover).

All subscriptions are due on 1st May.

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

The aims of the Society shall be:

- 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 Newsletter at least twice per year to be distributed to all members, the cost of which to be covered by subscriptions.
- 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. Much of it is on computer and all of it is available, on request, to members for their personal use.

- GRO index of all EAST births from 1837 to 2005; marriages from 1837 to 2005 and deaths from 1837 to 2006. The index is regularly updated with new information. The index has been sent by email to all members and will be sent to new members when they join.
- On computer over 18,100 baptism, marriage and burial Parish records. These are taken from actual records, transcripts or indexes. Many are not on the IGI.
- On computer 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. We have paper or digital copies of over 100 EAST wills.
- A growing collection of over 2,800 birth, marriage and death certificates. A note of the certificates held is made on the GRO indexes. a list is available on the website.
- 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, in book form, of all mentions of the EAST surname from the first 14 issues of Points East, together with a separate index of other surnames. An index on computer of all mentions of the EAST surname in issues 1 to 39 of Points EAST. All the indexes are available on the website
- On computer, Civil registration indexes for EASTs in New Zealand (1840 to 1990) and Western Australia (1841 to 1905)
- An extensive collection of non-digitised information, documents etc contained within 'County' and 'Correspondence' files. This is partially indexed on cards and a computer index of all 'Miscellaneous Data' is continually updated.
- The UK National Burial Index (3rd Edition)

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