



# Blakeney Area Historical Society Electronic Newsletter

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“Studying the History of Blakeney Haven and its Hinterland”



*This is described as a Methodist Sunday School outing, picking up outside Starr's grocery and drapery shop in Cley High Street, now Made in Cley, sometime in the mid 1930s. The elderly gentleman with the flat cap and wing collar, standing in the shop doorway, is George Starr himself, though I've not managed to identify any of the other participants. George Starr died on 30 March 1939 at the Long Acres Nursing Home in West Runton, aged 80. The half-cab single deck coach carries a Fife registration number! The destination board clipped into its holder at the bottom of the saloon front window merely says "Private". I have been unable to decipher the maker's name on the radiator though the shape is fairly distinctive. Any bus enthusiasts out there?*

*The photo came to me from Freda Starr – she may even have taken it herself, which would explain why she's not in it. (Richard Kelham)*

The BAHS are on Facebook [tiny.cc/yfo3001](https://tiny.cc/yfo3001)  
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# BAHS Events: VJ Day

The 80th anniversary of VE was commemorated on the 8th May but, in 1945, the war in the Far East did not end until the 15th August. Accordingly, VJ will be commemorated this summer by a 'Street Party' on **Friday 15th August** at the Blakeney Harbour Room, run by the Blakeney, Cley & District branch. Kick off at 5pm. All welcome. One free glass of wine or soft drink per person, bring a picnic, or order fish and chips. Bar open all evening. The BAHS display boards will be on view again, plus one about the Countdown to VJ Day and one about the Norfolk Regiment, many of whom were killed or became Prisoners of War following the defeat of Singapore in 1942.

The boards may have another airing over the weekend in Cley and on Sunday 17th August at Party on the Pastures in Blakeney. A VJ quiz is being devised by a Committee member and will be available at the Street Party as well as online. Special prizes will be awarded to the top winners.

The morning service at Blakeney Church on Sunday 10th August will include a dedication in memory of those who lost their lives in the Far East.

Further information will be available on:

[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

[www.bahs.uk](http://www.bahs.uk)

## BAHS lecture Programme

BAHS takes a break in August. The newsletter and the autumn programme resume in September. The first talk for the 2025/2026 season will be on **September 30th at 7.30 pm** at Cley Village Hall when Dr Ian Hinton, formerly in the School of History at the University of East Anglia, will be discussing: 'Pilgrim hostels in Walsingham: the remaining evidence.'

## Who was Putzi – and why was his photo under the floorboards of a local house?

This is one of a series of photos of Putzi – Ernst Hanfstaengl, wealthy Harvard-educated art dealer, and Hitler's favourite pianist – in the company of several prominent Nazis taken in the '20s and early '30s that were found recently under the floorboards of a house in the local area. The photos, which appear to be gravure prints, were all mounted on black card with various annotations on the reverse which appear to be instructions to a rostrum camera operator ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rostrum\\_camera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rostrum_camera)).



In this photo Putzi is seated at the piano in the company of Hitler on the left, Josef Goebbels on the right, and G's wife Magda third from the right. The identity of the other two is not certain.

Putzi, who as an early supporter of Hitler financed the publication of Mein Kampf, later saw the error of his ways and escaped to the US (eventually) where he became an advisor to FDR.

A fascinating story, but what the blistering blue blazes were these photos doing in this area? And why were they under the floorboards? Did anyone around here work for a film/TV production company?

# Other Events

## Norfolk Archaeological and Historical Research Group

### NAHRG Norfolk Landscape History Day : 26 July 2025

This year's Norfolk History Day will take the form of a Norfolk landscape history conference as a tribute to the popular UEA landscape historian, Tom Williamson. It will take place on Saturday 26 July 2025 in the Thomas Paine Lecture Theatre at the UEA.

The speakers will be:

James Albone (Historic England)

Louise Crawley (UEA)

Jonathan Finch (York University)

Richard Hoggett (Freelance Heritage Consultant)

Nicola Whyte (Exeter University)

Priority and a discount will be given to NAHRG members but non-members will also be welcome.

£15.00 NAHRG members.

£20.00 UEA History Dept

£25.00 non-members

The price includes a full day of talks, a buffet lunch and refreshments.

Click this link for a booking form: <https://come.ac/0Hw-I>

The Thomas Paine Centre is on the right towards the end of Chancellor's Drive from the Security Lodge. It is signed as such over the side entrance but the main entrance is styled 'Norwich Business School'. There is a convenient bus stop very close to the Thomas Paine Centre/Norwich Business School block. The West Car Park is right beside and is open on a pay-and-display basis at weekends (£1.00 flat fee). The entrance to it is on the right off Chancellor's Drive, just after the bus shelters (ignore the 'staff only' sign).

## Norfolk Heritage Centre

A reminder that the Norfolk Heritage Centre is on the second floor of the Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library in The Forum, Norwich.

They hold the most comprehensive collection of published material telling the story of Norfolk and its people. Nearly all of their collections are searchable on the libraries catalogue.

They have:

- More than half a million printed volumes, maps, newspapers and photographs
- PCs and free internet access
- Access to the most popular Norfolk Record Office archives
- Microform readers and reader-printers
- Free access to Norfolk Library and Information Service's online subscriptions, including Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archive

## Norfolk Records Office

The summer events programme is available from [https://come.ac/oiaz\\_](https://come.ac/oiaz_)

### Thou Savage Woman: A delve into the archive to discover murderous early modern women



In Person

**Wednesday 23 July, 2-3.30pm**

£6 – tickets via the Norwich History Festival website- [tiny.cc/yx9n001](https://tiny.cc/yx9n001)

**Dr Blessin Adams** traded police work investigating today's crime in the Norfolk Constabulary for academia, tracing the lives and deaths of people in early modern England. As a social historian she is fascinated by historical stories of murder and justice, which she writes about in her books *Thou Savage Woman* and *Great and Horrible News*.

Join Blessin as she delves into the Norfolk archive to reveal a fascinating seventeenth century manuscript that tells the true and sad story of a Norwich woman accused of murdering her own child. Through this case, and others like it, we'll discover the early modern's fascination with, and hatred of, women whose 'immoral' characters made them vulnerable to accusations of murder and mayhem.

There will be a chance to see some original documents and refreshments will be available.



# Parish Registers and Transcripts in the Norfolk Record Office

This list summarises the Norfolk Record Office's (NRO's) holdings of parish (Church of England) registers and of transcripts and other copies of them that are relevant to the Glaven Valley.

## Parish Registers

The NRO holds registers of baptisms, marriages, burials and banns of marriage for most parishes in the Diocese of Norwich. Some Norfolk parish records remain in the churches, especially more recent registers, which may be still in use. The covering dates of registers in the following list do not conceal any gaps of more than ten years. Whenever microfiche or microfilm copies are available they must be used in place of the original registers, some of which are unfit for production.

A few parish registers have been digitally photographed and the images are available on computers in the NRO's searchroom. The digital images were produced as a result of partnership projects with other groups and organizations, so we are not able to supply copies of whole registers (either as hard copies or on CD or in any other digital format), although in most cases we have permission to provide printout copies of individual entries. Digital images of many Norfolk parish registers, 1538–c.1900, are available online on the following websites: Find my Past, Ancestry, The Genealogist and FamilySearch. The PD reference in brackets, e.g., ACLE (PD 164), refers to the catalogue number in the NRO searchroom. This reference can be used to search the NRO online catalogue at <http://nrocat.norfolk.gov.uk/>. Enter the PD number in the CatalogueRef field on the Search page and then select the hierarchical tree view to see a descriptive list of the parish church records. Alternatively, at the top of the Search page select 'Church of England parishes' from the set searches drop down menu and then select the name of the parish.

## Modern Transcripts and Indexes

These include both published and unpublished transcripts in printed, typescript, manuscript, microfilm and CD formats. Many are available on open shelves in the searchroom, and the printed transcripts may also be available through libraries. The dates given for transcripts sometimes predate those of the earliest surviving parish register. Usually this is because the transcriber has included information from register bills which may survive from an earlier date.

## Archdeacons' and Bishop's Transcripts (Register Bills)

These are copies of parish registers made annually by each incumbent: most are available on microfiche, the remainder are available on microfilm. The dates of the transcripts in this list are covering dates only and conceal large gaps, particularly before 1725 and after 1837.

## BLAKENEY alias SNITTERLY (PD 619)

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Banns</b>
Original registers	1548-1986	1565-1948	1538-1978	1754-1812, 1823-1907
Microform	1548-1901	1565-1900	1538-1900	1754-1812, 1823-1907
Modern (unpublished) transcript	1653-1807	1653-1807	1654-1809	1754-1807
Archdeacon's and Bishop's transcripts	1600-1908	1600-1837	1600-1908	

## CLEY NEXT THE SEA (PD 270)

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Banns</b>
Original registers	1538-1667, 1686-1942	1559-1667, 1686-1959	1558-1667, 1686-1908	1754-1815
Microform	1538-1667, 1686-1900	1559-1667, 1686-1900	1558-1667, 1686-1900	1754-1815
Microform copy of modern transcript		1747-1811		
Modern (unpublished) transcript	1538-1667	1538-1667	1538-1667	
Archdeacon's and Bishop's transcripts	1600-1857	1600-1837	1600-1857	

## GLANDFORD with BAYFIELD (PD 677)

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Banns</b>
Original registers	1655-1996	1657-1745, c1745-1900 with BLAKENEY	1654-1994	
Microform	1655-1996	1657-1745	1654-1994	
Archdeacon's and Bishop's transcripts	1600-1924	1600-1837	1600-1924	

## LEATHERINGSETT (PD 547)

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Banns</b>
Original registers	1653-1920	1662-1954	1653-1996	1754-1812, 1871-1895
Microform	1653-1901	1662-1902	1653-1903	1754-1812, 1871-1895
Microform copy of modern transcript	1653-1759	1662-1752	1653-1760	
Archdeacon's and Bishop's transcripts	1600-1871	1600-1837	1600-1871	

## WIVETON (PD 648)

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Banns</b>
Original registers	1558-1991	1558-1983	1558-1992	1754-1812
Microform	1558-1900	1558-1900	1558-1905	1754-1812
Archdeacon's and Bishop's transcripts	1600-1926	1600-1837	1600-1926	