

Meeting Report 16th November 2025

The meeting opened by welcoming five new members to the group, a delightful record! The proceedings followed with Mary B's return to the (virtual) podium, to tell us all about her Irish and Cheshire ancestors, entitled '**Military Service of the Creighton Family**'. British army soldiers over four consecutive generations. Remarkable. James, Joseph, Charles and Joe, spanning 1819 to 1946. James b. 1799 in Clones, Co. Monaghan, a baker. Served 21 years 44 days in the 'East Indies' i.e. India. Son Joseph b. 1843 in Monaghan, enlisted 1857 into the 4th Dragoon Guards, but discharged through illness aged 21, after seven years' service. Son Charles b. 1879 Chester, occupation: boot & shoe maker. Called up 1916 and joined a 'Heavy Battery' in Flanders. His son Joe b.1922, called up 1946, became a wireless operator, starting in North Africa, then the invasion of Sicily, then through Italy. Released August 1946, after 'clearing up'.

Allan J had been hatching a story '**A Charming Gentleman**' for a number of months, finding not just the usual rabbit holes to explore, but an entire badger sett! His investigation – it is a detective story as well – was into the activities of Henry Hingston Bond Wiscombe. Allan emerged with a complicated but riveting roller coaster taking us from South Devon to New Zealand, and back. I'm reluctant to give the game away, but suffice to say that the gentleman in question begat 19 children. By how many wives/partners? To find out the answer to this and many more unasked questions, you will have to request that Allan present an updated version of his excellent story and presentation, in the New Year.