

I'm a published author of a book entitled "**A Grandmother's Legacy**" which is based on my British Raj family and I am now a public speaker.

In these difficult times, I would like to advise you that I shall now be offering a Zoom talk with eight versions available. For my Zoom talks, I shall do this at a reduced fee for £65 inclusive whereas my normal talk fee remains at £80 plus travelling expenses at 32p per mile.

If you're interested in this, please let me know. I have been booked by several WI groups who are already seeing the benefits of holding a Zoom talk, as well as U3A and other organisations.

My fee for a Zoom talk is £65.00.

## **Talks**

### **A grandmother's legacy: the early days**

How Benjamin Hardy in 1798, a seventh generation weaver ancestor of Jenny Mallin from Mirfield in Yorkshire, sails to Madras with his British Army unit, fights for the next 22 years in India and decides to settle his family there for the next five generations. A more indepth look at the start of the ancestors with a storyline which brings together the reasons for my family being linked to the British Raj.

### **A grandmother's legacy: the 170 year old recipe book**

A large leather bound book, which was started off by my great great great grandmother, Wilhelmina Hardy in 1844 containing her Portuguese / German / English family recipes was then handed down to her daughter who did the same, and that book kept on getting handed down from generation to generation (my talk centres on the recipes, the history of those recipes and how that book evolves with each generation reflecting where the grandmothers were living at that time (i.e. we come across an early version of the coroma curry which great great grandma Maud made in 1900).

### **A grandmother's legacy: my ancestors professions in the British Raj**

A detailed talk with fascinating sepia photographs provide the audience with interesting facts about the history of the infrastructure of India and the various professions of her grandfathers on the Indian railways, telegraph, founder of one of the first English medium schools in India and the military involvement of two of her great grandfathers who fought in the third Anglo Mysore war. all seen through the eyes of their granddaughter (Jenny Mallin).

### **A grandmother's legacy: my journey**

It is the serendipitous story of why I became an author, the reasons behind wanting to keep those family recipes safe, and how I went on a journey of my own once I had written my book in achieving the "Best in the World Cookbook for 2017".

### **A grandmother's legacy: my family history**

A more detailed look into the records/certificates and this would appeal to genealogists or those with an interest in family trees. I start from my earliest ancestor dating back to 1732 in Yorkshire and detail the ancestors right through to the end of the British Raj days. Please note this talk will be for just over one hour in length due to the amount of family sepia images shown and detail of content.

### **A grandmother's legacy: life as a memsahib in the British Raj India**

A guide as to how life was for my grandmothers, having to run a household complete with as many as 20 servants, the role of a khansamah (a male cook servant who was in charge of the servants a bit like Mr. Hudson in "Upstairs, Downstairs" and a trustworthy individual of the grandmothers. Stories of the different suppliers who came to the front door: the milkman who came along with his cow and how my aunt recalls having to check as a little girl that the bucket was empty of water before filling up with milk as well as the vegetable seller there would be the dhobi-wallah (laundryman), the ayah (nanny), the bearer (valet), the jaminder (night watchman), the dirzi (tailor), the mali (gardener), and a dog walker.

### **A grandmother's legacy: my great aunt Constance**

My great aunt Constance was a woman of high social status and a wife of a British official, born in 1898 with a good social standing. as a burrah memsahib with a husband working for the Indian civil service in Burma during 1943 just as the Japanese attacked Rangoon and their only choice was to walk 1,000 miles to India, arrived barefoot at my grandmother's doorstep in Calcutta in the middle of the night having taken four months to walk across treacherous terrain, monsoon climatic rivers and no other choice but to face the Naga community (who were headhunters) but found them to be extremely helpful in carrying the lame, sick, tired and weary across the border into India.

### **A grandmother's legacy: my travels around India**

An intriguing and entertaining vignette of some of my travels around India (of which there have been over twenty five trips during the past thirty years). This talk is filled with amusing anecdotes from the arduous task of just purchasing a train ticket to stories which have demonstrated the kindness of a stranger, the superstitious side to a nation and an insight into how much India has changed since 1990.