



Family History Group Newsletter

September & October 2017



Group web pages
www.ringmer.info/u3a/family-history

Tuesday 26 September in the Scout Hall

Admin Roster

(we need three volunteers each month)

September

Desk: *Di Saunders*

Refreshments: *Rita Akehurst & Trish Humphrey-Smart*

October

Desk: *Sue Pedley*

Refreshments:

Two volunteers needed!

To put your name on the roster please contact Pauline Lloyd .

Members only this month. Please arrive by 2pm.

- Welcome to ten new members – and the old faces.
- How we operate and meet the planning team
- A review of 2016/17 and plans for 2017/18
- Using and sharing our experiences
- Bob's challenges
- 'Writing Your Family Biographies' by Sue Hall

Tuesday 31 October in the Scout Hall

Guests welcome this month. Please arrive by 2pm.

Family Size and Its Control

John Kay

Using examples from his own family tree and Ringmer family studies, John will introduce an interesting dimension to family history research which will encourage members to look at their own trees in a new light. Like John, you may be able to spot when your ancestors started to take steps to regulate their family sizes – and also what choices they made. John will examine the evidence for family planning long before the Mary Stopes era.

It should be interesting and entertaining. It may give another fact for your biographies!

Chatham House Rule

We like to feel that members are free to share the darkest secrets about their ancestors; therefore we abide by the Chatham House Rule. This rule originated at Chatham House with the aim of providing anonymity to speakers and to encourage openness and sharing of information. It is now used throughout the world as an aid to free discussion. The rule reads as follows:

"When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

Attendance

Unable to attend a future meeting?

Please let us know. Put an X in the Apologies Record, or contact Bob at rjandljairns@btinternet.com



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Family History Research: The Seven Golden Rules

1. Work backwards starting with yourself
2. Be organised and honest
3. Start with living relatives
4. Set your sights
5. Understand surnames
6. Join a class or society
7. Use the resources that you have

Taken from *Your Family Tree* magazine

Bring a Guest

At certain meetings members may bring along a guest if they wish. The Newsletter will state if this is allowed, or if the meeting is Members Only. Guests must pay the £1 (sometimes £2) meeting fee, but if they wish to come regularly they should join the Group. Please let us know if you plan to bring a guest at any time.

Sharing our Experiences

With a wide range of experience in the group we would like to better organise ourselves to use this and help develop our novice researchers.

Will you please print out this form, complete it and give it to Alan Pett.

Name _____

How would you describe your level of family history experience?

Novice Some experience Fairly experienced Lots of experience

What family history websites do you subscribe to?

What family history societies/groups do you belong to?

Which family history magazines do you subscribe to?

Would you like a more experienced 'buddy'? Yes No

Would you be a 'buddy' to another member? Yes No