

Feedback from our meeting Tuesday 17 January 2023

We had a very good turn out for our first meeting for 2023, we collected £170 in subs plus we had the pleasure of welcoming four new members;

Ray Grinham

Julia Price

Brian Price

George New

We began with 'an around the table introduction' to welcome our new group members and then working through the agenda;

- we agreed our web page on our local u3a website did not allow us to arrange our documents etc., in a useful manner and few members had access to Drop Box. Having viewed the Crafts and Chat microsite, it was agreed we would build our own microsite.
- Using the national u3a January genealogy newsletter we looked at four suggested sites;
 - **Family History Federation**; The aim of the Federation is to be the vehicle for co-operation between the various disciplines associated with family history;
 - Family history societies
 - U3A family history groups
 - Scottish Association of Family History Societies
 - Other Organisations associated with Family History and kindred studies.<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>
 - National Library of Scotland; <https://www.nls.uk/>
 - PRONI; The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for Northern Ireland. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/public-record-office-northern-ireland-proni>
 - The Ogilby Muster (TOM). TOM is an online platform which gives users access to First World War archives held in Regimental Museums across the UK. <https://www.armymuseums.org.uk/the-ogilby-muster/>
- Derek explained he was planning a History of Odiham book and that he would welcome help in researching topics listed;
 - Manorial records
 - Wills and Probate records from the C16 – C18 (he can provide copies from the National Archives and HRO)
 - Farming records (Again I have NA records)
 - Deciphering the Enclosure Award of 1789
 - Census Enumerator's Books 1851, 1881, 1901

We enjoyed a breakout session of approximately 45 minutes for refreshments and socialising before coming back together for Roger's presentation 'Murder at the Guard House'. This was a fascinating albeit sad tale of how his great grandmother's half-sister was murdered by her husband (did he really do it?) and who then committed suicide – but was he 'assisted'?

The meeting finished with agreement that the present format was continuing to work well. Also, the good news that the group purchasing two trees before Christmas and helped our u3a to raise sufficient donations to buy a copse of 100 trees in the national u3a new Woodland in the Brecon Beacons.

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 February 2023