

Feedback from our meeting Tuesday 21 March 2023

Roger led the meeting, which again was well attended – it must be down to the comfy seats in the Cricket Club!

Loosely following the agenda and using the smart tv, we;

- Scanned the national u3a genealogy newsletter which had, as its focus, how to use the Census data particularly the 1921 census. This led to a discussion around the table as to how members were using census data including some of the pitfalls. The 1921 census will be the last one published until the 1951 census.
- Revisited our own microsite and Margaret described the layout, content and the status of it thus far. All agreed that the website looked impressive and congratulated Jane and Margaret on their work.

Derek Spruce discussed the revision of his forthcoming – team working book. The focus would now be Odiham, a town or a village? Conversation included the size of Odiham early on in its history, including the origin of the Bridewell, originally a prison. Bridewell is named from the famous well in the vicinity of St. Bride's Church, London – and this prison being the first of its kind, all other houses of correction, based on the same plan, were called Bridewells.

Our refreshment break was very buzzing and Margaret had her laptop open to help members.

This month's presentation was by **Elisa Harrison Stanton: 'The Ship, The Prince and The Sailor'**.

Elisa's presentation was on the derring-do of HMS Valiant in WW2 – on which Prince Philip had served for a while. The story of Valiant being seriously damaged by limpet mines placed by Italian frogmen riding two-man "human torpedoes" was made very personal when the group learnt at the end of her talk that the captain had been Elisa's grandfather! And had been played by John Mills in the film made of this event!

The meeting finished with Roger asking members to consider what contributions they could offer to future meetings.

Next meeting: 2pm Tuesday 18th April 2023