

Feedback from our meeting Tuesday 16 May 2023

Thank you to everyone who paid their subs

Jane and Roger opened the meeting with the customary look at the u3a national website;

- The online Events presentations included 'Using Parish Registers', Wednesday 14th June, 2 – 4 pm click [here](#) for more details
- The Genealogy News included:
 - Children have the right to request the identity of their egg and sperm donors
 - Geneanet have collected over 5 million photos of graves 'Save our Graves' which can be found at <https://en.geneanet.org/cemetery/>
 - Geneanet also have a very long list of 'English and Welsh genealogy resources' at <https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2023/04/resources-for-english-and-welsh-genealogy>
- Other recent new records and updated collections;
 - Findmypast; Irish records
 - The Genealogist; Police, Court and Criminal records
 - Irish Military records may be found at <https://www.militaryarchives.ie/en/genealogy>

Our own website can be found at

<https://sites.google.com/view/familysocialhistory/home?authuser=1>

During open discussion the following was covered;

- Margaret reminded us about to apply for ancestors' military records
- Gill S said that it was worth re-checking the 1939 register as records were continually being unredacted
- Tom asked Ancestry users how safe it was to have their family tree public
- George said a 'dodgy' relative had been in touch from America and wanted to visit him! It served as a good reminder to always communicate using the Ancestry emails and never reveal personal email addresses.
- Jane mentioned it was necessary to add 'UK' to addresses when entering them in Ancestry otherwise the default version was one in the US if it existed.
- Viv explained how to use Findmypast free in the library – you do have to book your session in advance.
- Jane finished the section with a nice 'thank you and farewell' message from Bob and Julia Price who have returned to Harrogate.
- Next meeting will be as normal with Peter Elliott giving the presentation. Our last meeting in July will be a 'social' however, don't forget **Open Day**

August 10th when Family History will have a 'market stall' with the other groups in the Elizabeth Hall, Hook.

Please always bring your questions and nuggets of wisdom to our open discussion session.

Break for refreshments and small group discussions

This month's presentation, was by Richard Pengelly: '**Discovering Samuel George Pengelly**'. Sam Pengelly, Richard's grandfather, was apparently a bit of a rascal and it was fascinating to hear the tale of Sam and the subsequent discovery by Richard of an unknown branch of the family in Australia. It is perhaps worth mentioning that Sam Pengelley was in the Navy and posted to Australia in 1907. However, he never forgot the girl called Alice who he met there.

If you missed Richard's presentation, it is on our website.

Next meeting: 2pm Tuesday 20th June 2023