



Ringmer Family History Group Newsletter October 2023



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Ringmer Family History Group Programme 2023/24

- 26 September** Introductory Session and Bob's Challenges
31 October Working Class Occupations
28 December (THURSDAY) Social meeting with other u3a Groups
30 January Dead-ends: session 1, sharing problems.
27 February My Story
26 March Visit to West Sussex County Records Office, Chichester
30 April Dead-ends: session 2, problems solved!
28 May a) private researcher
b) other research methods
25 June International Research
30 July TBA

ADMIN ROTA

Desk: Sylvia Coleman

Refreshments: Jo Miller
Another required please.

LIBRARY

We welcome the donation of magazines and books you have finished with please.

**Tuesday 31st October 2023 in the
Scout hut at 2.00pm.**

PROGRAMME

Today we will be looking at occupations which were common to many of our working-class ancestors.

The most common for men was agricultural labourer and John Howes will talk about what this work involved and cover allied jobs including those connected to plaiting. The majority of women worked as servants and Bob Cairns will discuss what this could mean in different levels of household and the hierarchy in the largest. John Saunders will examine jobs in the retail trade for both sexes and Rosemary Page and Pauline Lloyd will share their researches into those who worked on the Thames. As usual there will be an opportunity for members to share details of similar jobs undertaken by their ancestors and particularly on city/London street trades.

WELCOME

To a number of people who are joining us for a tester session today. I hope we will suit their palate and they decide to become regular attendees.

BOB'S CHALLENGES

1. Obtain birth, death and marriage certificates for your parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Track them through the censuses.
2. Create a biography for each with a minimum of 10 pieces of information. Include photographs, postcards, newspaper cuttings etc. Use FTM or similar and /or a manual folder.
3. Obtain birth, death and marriage certificates for all other ancestors' post 1837.
4. Pull together all your photographs and with other family members identify as many relatives/ancestors as possible. Write the information IN PENCIL on the reverse. Add to your family tree and folders.
5. Set the profiles in challenge 2 within a historical context. How did events impinge on your ancestors' lives, if at all?
6. Write your own life story history using the previous 5 challenges as a framework. Include information you wish you'd known about your ancestors. Add all the necessary documents and create a folder and put it where it will be found.