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Happy New Year to all our readers

Newsletter 197

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>>,

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DAY COURSES

Report Writing

Monday 19th February 2018

A course led by Les Mitchinson, IHGS Director of Education and AGRA Vice Chair, designed to demonstrate how to produce a professional report. If you are going to advertise yourself as a professional researcher then your presentation to clients is the 'window display' of your business; a reflection on you. If you are seeking to gain membership of AGRA then you will need to submit a client report to be assessed by the AGRA Board of Assessors. Similarly, one of the Diploma in Genealogy tasks is to conduct research on behalf of an imaginary client and to produce a client report describing the results of your research. This course will provide guidance on how to write a professional report.

Heraldry

Monday 12th March 2018

Many genealogists and family historians turn aside from heraldry with the misconception that it is not for them but rather some medieval mystery. This course aims to show that the records of heraldry can be of great use to family historians and is suitable for absolute beginners as well as those with some experience. Practical guidance will be given on how to understand heraldry and how to identify coats of arms.

Exam Techniques

Monday 19th March 2018

If you are planning to take any of the IHGS examinations this year or next then this course may help. Advice with practical examples will be given on revision strategies, how best to approach the exam itself and things to avoid. You will also go through sample questions and be shown how you could address the questions and formulate your answers. The day will be particularly helpful for those considering The Higher Certificate in Genealogy examination in June and November. However it will also be useful for those wishing to sit the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Level examinations.

Professional Approach

Saturday 24th March 2018

If you wish to develop your hobby into a part or full time occupation then this seminar day will provide invaluable advice and assistance. All genealogists, whether practising or not, are invited to join in discussion of research and business practices. Led by professional genealogists, including Les Mitchinson [IHGS Director of Education and AGRA Vice Chair] and Celia Heritage and Elizabeth Yule together with web designer Paul Carter, the seminar will discuss all aspects of starting up and running a genealogical practice.

Military Records Day

Monday 23rd April

We have decided to bring the IHGS Military Records Day back into the programme. The one-day course will be given by Les Mitchinson, our Director of Education and military records specialist. All aspects of the Armed Forces will be covered in what promises to be an action-packed day. The course costs £55 and rations are of course included in the price.

WEEKEND COURSES

These weekend courses are structured around the IHGS syllabus of study. They are a great opportunity to learn about new topics, obtain research advice and meet fellow family historians and course tutors and use the library facilities. Open to all they are also useful to those on the IHGS distance learning courses.

Advanced Genealogical Sources

Friday 18th May - Sunday 20th May 2018

The topics include: Ireland, Quarter Sessions, Maps, Heraldry, advanced paleography, manorial and military records. It is also a chance to meet fellow family historians and tutors on the correspondence course.

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Awaken your Ancestors - Elementary Course

Broadening Your Family Tree - Intermediate Course

Completing Your Ancestral Journey - Advanced Course

Correspondence Course in Genealogy

Fully assessed 24 module course leading to The Higher Certificate in Genealogy.

Heraldry

This is suitable both for beginners and those with some experience. It covers the full range of heraldic sources in great depth.

[Click to book any of our courses](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Tracing History Through Title Deeds. Nat Alcock (2017)

Property title deeds are perhaps the most numerous sources of historical evidence but also one of the most neglected. While the information any one deed contains can often be reduced to a few lines, it can be of critical importance for family and local historians. Nat Alcock's handbook aims to help the growing army of enthusiastic researchers to use the evidence of these documents, without burying them in legal technicalities. It also reveals how fascinating and rewarding they can be once their history, language and purpose are understood. A sequence of concise, accessible chapters explains why they are so useful, where they can be found and how the evidence they provide can be extracted and applied. Family historians will find they reveal family, social and financial relationships and local historians can discover from them so much about land ownership, field and place names, the history of buildings and the expansion of towns and cities. They also bring our ancestors into view in the fullness of life, not just at birth, marriage and death, and provide more rounded pictures of the members of a family tree.

Book of the month price £13.00 [usual price £14.99] post free in the UK.
[click here to purchase a copy.](#)

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IHGS NEWS

Elementary to Advanced Level Distance Learning Courses in Genealogy

In December we released our Advanced Level in Genealogy course, ***Completing Your Ancestral Journey*** and can now offer distance learning courses for the beginner right up to the Higher Certificate in Genealogy. For more information on our courses go to: www.ihgs.ac.uk/courses

Examinations

We are pleased to announce the successful candidates who sat our first November Higher Certificate examinations. Congratulations to Liz Pegg and Chris Hinchcliffe.

Examination Dates 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

- Diploma in Genealogy

Saturday 9th June 2018

- Higher Certificate in Genealogy
- IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Advanced Level in Genealogy
- IHGS and Heraldry Society Elementary and Intermediate

Saturday 24th November 2018

- Higher Certificate in Genealogy
- IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Advanced Level in Genealogy
- IHGS and Heraldry Society Elementary and Intermediate

On the first Wednesday in every month the IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy and IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy may be sat.

For more details concerning any of the examinations please contact registrar@ihgs.ac.uk.

Revising for the Higher Certificate Exam

For most of us it has been quite some time since we last prepared for an examination. Perhaps people are put off by the thought of having to read through countless pages of lecture notes and then having to remember all of those dates, definitions and key elements of information. Les Mitchinson has developed a revision programme that enables you to conduct targeted and effective revision. He developed the course four years ago and has helped a significant number of examination candidates achieve good passes. If you are considering sitting the Higher Certificate examination and believe you may need some guidance then contact Les on education@ihgs.ac.uk

Family History Events

IHGS will be attending a number of genealogical fairs this year including:

Dorset Family History Society, Saturday 24th March, Poole

The Family History Show London, Saturday 22nd September, Sandown Racecourse

The Family History Show Yorkshire, Saturday 23rd June, York Racecourse

Genealogical News

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service has launched a new website entitled Explore the Past (www.explorethepast.co.uk). The site includes an archive

catalogue, archaeology library, a Worcestershire Ceramics database, indexes and guides, and various databases, including a School Records database, and various Tithe and Inclosure Maps.

AGRA Recruitment Day. AGRA (The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives) celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. It was founded in 1968 (as The Association of Genealogist and Record Agents). Proposals for an association were first mooted in the early 60s as a means of establishing standards of competence and ethics and to be a representative body. The Association's inaugural meeting was held on 24 June 1968 at Stationers' Hall, London; 21 people attended. The Association is now the largest professional organisation of accredited members in the UK and continues the founding principles of promoting high professional standards in the field of genealogy and historical research and also acting as a representative voice in matters relating to genealogy.

The celebrations kick off on 27 January 2018 with a Recruitment Day being held at the Society of Genealogists in London. This is an event for professional genealogists encouraging them to join the Association and take advantage of the many benefits that the organisation provides. If you are working as a professional genealogist and do not belong to AGRA, or you are about to start working in the field, you can register for the event at <http://www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/events-courses/joining-agra-benefits-and-practicalities-of-running-a-successful-gene>. The event costs £10

Special Offer for AGRA Members & Associates

Members and Associates can now claim a 10% discount on all IHGS courses, including those that are assessed by tutors, and all day-courses and tutorial weekends. When booking any IHGS course or event use the code AGRA together with your membership number (AGRA123) when booking online at <https://shop.ihgs.ac.uk/courses-agra-members>

Website Updates

FamilySearch

- Devon Bishop's Transcripts, 1558-1887
- Hampshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1680-1892
- Hampshire Parish Registers, 1538-1980
- Lincolnshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1990
- Surrey Parish Registers, 1536-1992
- Denmark Census, 1834
- Kansas State Census, 1915
- Mexico, Chihuahua, Civil Registration, 1861-1997

FindMyPast

- British Army, Imperial War Museum Bond of Sacrifice 1914-1918
- Greater Manchester Burials 1570-1990 and Marriages 1570-1936
- Northamptonshire Memorial Inscriptions

- 68 maps sourced from the State Papers held by the National Archives in England detailing the colonisation of Ireland by the English and Scots as far back as 500 years ago, though with most of the maps detailing settlements during the Plantations of Ulster.
- Jersey Wills 1564-2000
- Massachusetts, Boston Crew Lists, 1917-1943
- Massachusetts Deaths, 1969-2010
- New Hampshire Portsmouth: Vital Records 1706-1895, Expenses of the Poor 1817-1838, Newspaper Abstracts 1776-1800

Ancestry UK and Ireland

- Huntingdonshire, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1559-1836
- Fife, Scotland, Asylum Registers, 1866-1937
- UK, Electoral Registers, 2003-2010

Canadian vital records

Halifax, Canada, Halifax Explosion Remembrance Book, 1917-1918

Queensland, Australia, Mining Accident Index, 1882-1945

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

- Fermanagh Church Records Galloon Register, Baptisms 1860-1873

MyHeritage

- Auschwitz Death Certificates, 1941-1943
- New York Newspapers, 1806-2007
- New York Marriage License Index, 1908-1929
- Ohio Newspapers, 1793-2009
- Queensland, Australia Electoral Rolls, 1906, 1941, 1959
- Tasmania, Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1916

TheGenealogists

- BT 27 1930 - 1939

www.oldscothish.com/asylum-patients

- First 14 volumes of the General Register of Lunatics in Asylum 1858-

<http://skibbheritage.com/graveyards/>

- West Cork: Brade, Schull and Allihie

EVENTS AND COURSES TIMETABLE 2018

Mon 19 Feb	Day Course	Report Writing
Mon 12 Mar	Day Course	Heraldry
Mon 19 Mar	Day Course	Exam Techniques
Sat 24 Mar	Day Course	The Professional Approach
Mon 23 Apr	Day Course	Military Records

18 –20 May	Weekend	Advanced Genealogical Sources
Sat 9 Jun	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Sat 16 Jun	Day Course	How to Draw a Pedigree Using a Computer
Sat 14 Jul	Day Course	The Parish and The Manor
Sat 28 July	Awards Day	
Mon 17 Sep	Day Course	Getting Organised
Sat 29 Sep	Day Course	Wills and How to Read Them
Mon 8 Oct	Day Course	How to Draw a Pedigree Using a Computer
12-14 Oct	Weekend	Essential Sources
Sat 27 Oct	Day Course	Family History Research 1800s-1940s
Sat 3 Nov	Day Course	Family History the 19 th Century and Beyond
Sat 24 Nov	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
30-2 Dec	Weekend	Taking Your Family History Research Further

[See Our Courses](#)

Did You know that.....it is thought that the phrase at "sixes and sevens" as we now know it might have come about due to a agreement between London livery companies? The precedence of the companies was set in 1515. However, The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors and The Worshipful Company of Skinners disputed their positions and a compromise was agreed by which they exchanged sixth and seventh place each year, at Easter.



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