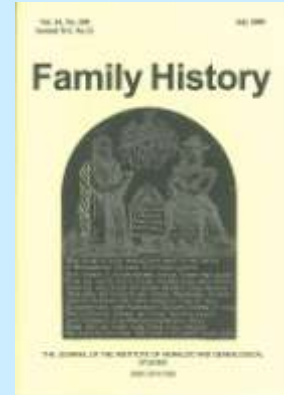


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Welcome to our latest Newsletter!

News

Summer Reception

This year the event was especially popular, with our two extra special guests. Even the Lord Mayor of Canterbury dropped in! More photographs can be found on our events pages at <http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/events/openday2009/index.html> where you will see that the weather politely held off as usual, and we were again accompanied by Peter Rose after his impressive performance last year.



Dr Nick Barratt receives the Bickersteth Memorial Medal for 2008



Dr George Redmonds receives the Bickersteth Memorial Medal for 2007

Examination Results 2009

We are pleased to confirm that the following candidates were successful in this year's examinations.

Certificate in Genealogy: Elizabeth Kerry and Emma Morgan

Higher Certificate in Genealogy: Brian Barham, Terence Blowfield, Nan Keightley, Kenneth Wheeler, Roger Whitworth

Diploma in Genealogy: Terence Brick, Tanya Kimber, Leslie Mitchinson

We would like to congratulate all the candidates and wish them luck in their continued endeavours.

Surman Index

The Surman Index of Congregational Ministers covers the mid 17th C to 1972, with a focus on England and Wales trained or serving Ministers, and includes some Presbyterians. The online edition is open access and may be sorted by

surname, career, county/country or education; the original images give sources.

www.Canadianrootsuk.org

This website is a two-way system for reuniting families of WWII where the father of a UK child was Canadian soldier. Please pass the site on to anyone you know that this might apply to!

Forthcoming Events

Courses, Fairs and Events are available on [our website](#).

Introduction to Family History ~ 3rd September 2009

This series of five weekly Thursday evening sessions (7.00 pm – 8.30 pm) will introduce the subject of family history and is ideal for beginners. The course will cover the basic sources needed to start your research into this fascinating subject. The price for the course is £60.00. Please [click here](#) for further details and to book.

Pre-1837 Sources ~ 12th September 2009

This day school will introduce students to records commonly encountered prior to the early nineteenth century. Many people progress quickly with their ancestry through the records of the General Registration and the Census but struggle to move on to earlier sources. This day school aims to introduce students to the wealth of parochial and local material available. The price for the course is £37.00, or £30.00 for IHGS Members and correspondence course students, and includes a buffet lunch. Please [click here](#) for details and to book

Correspondence Course Tutorial Weekend ~ 9th – 11th October 2009

The Correspondence Course Tutorial Weekend to be held 9th – 11th October 2009 will cover Intermediate Topics and is designed for those students who are working their way through the middle part of the Correspondence Course in Genealogy. Please see the student forum to book.

How to Trace Your Family History ~ 24th October 2009

This day school is aimed at those people just starting out within this fascinating subject. Some of the topics under discussion will include family records, birth, marriage and death certificates, censuses and compiling pedigrees. A thorough grounding in the basic sources will enable students to make an excellent start in tracing their own family history. Please [click here](#) for details and to book

Book of the Month

My Ancestor was in Service

Pamela Horn (2009)

Most of us will have ancestors who spent some time in domestic service: at least a third of women had by the end of the Victorian age. This book seeks to give some guidance in researching ancestors who were in service or who themselves employed domestic staff. Click [here](#) to order at the offer price of £7, post free in the UK - normal price £8.50.

Website Spotlight

www.pepysdiary.com

If you haven't already come across this charming idea for a website, don't worry! You can catch up to the 17th century via the archive or their 'story so far' page. You can even follow Samuel on Twitter or add the site to your rss feeds for a daily sense of history. It really does put it in context!

Did You Know...

...that a pightle or pyghtle was a small enclosure of land? There are dozens of variants: pightel and pighel are found soon after 1200. It may also be the origin of the term 'piddle' or 'piddling' meaning very little. This once common term is now obscure and would quickly confuse the modern reader of an old will: if a

similar word occurs it is worth noting if, in the context, a small piece of land is a suitable meaning.

On 6th August -

- 1637 Ben Jonson, poet and playwright, died
- 1766 William Hyde Wollaston, chemist and physicist, was born in Norfolk
- 1806 The Holy Roman Empire ended when Francis II abdicated under pressure from Napoleon: he may have dissolved the Empire to prevent Napoleon from claiming it.
- 1809 Alfred Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, was born in Lincolnshire
- 1844 James Henry Greathead, civil engineer, was born in Cape Colony
- 1844 Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh and of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha was born at Windsor
- 1881 Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist, was born in Ayrshire
- 1890 US murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed by the electric chair
- 1911 Constance Fecher Heaven, romantic novelist, was born
- 1922 Sir Freddie Laker, entrepreneur, was born in Canterbury
- 1923 Henry Sullivan completed his 26 hour 50 min swim of the English Channel
- 1926 Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel in 14 hours 40 mins
- 1928 Andy Warhol, pop artist, was born in Pennsylvania
- 1934 Piers Anthony (Piers Anthony Dillingham Jacob), writer, was born in Oxfordshire
- 1937 Barbara Windsor, actress, was born in Shoreditch
- 1945 An atomic bomb devastated Hiroshima at 8.15
- 1945 Prince Wu of Korea died as a result of the Hiroshima bomb
- 1946 Masaaki Sakai, comedian and actor (Monkey) was born in Japan

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