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

## **FORTHCOMING DAY COURSES**

### **DNA: A beginners' guide for family historians - Saturday 14th September 2019**

**Places are filling up fast so book soon.**

No matter which way we look DNA testing is mentioned more and more within the field of genealogy and DNA data can be a powerful addition to our research tool box. However, there is a variety of tests available from a number of testing companies and it can quickly become overwhelming trying to work out whether to test and which test to take. This day course is run by Dr Karen Cummings, one of our Tutors, who is a professional genealogist with a background in the pharmaceutical industry. During the day Karen will guide you through the minefield of DNA tests available, looking at what to consider before you test, which test is most suitable. when to test suitable candidates for each type of testing and what you can do with your results. The day will include hands on sessions, giving you opportunities to become familiar with the data. The course is equally suitable for those considering taking the first step and those who have already taken a test and want to know what to do with the results.

### **Report Writing - How to Manage a Research Task - Monday 23rd September 2019**

If you are going to advertise yourself as a professional researcher then your presentation to the client 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 requirements of the Diploma in Genealogy is to conduct research and to produce a client report, describing the results of your research. This module will

cover the key components that comprise a client report and offer tips on how to manage research tasks.

### **Using Archives and Getting Organized - Wednesday 2nd October 2019**

You will be given practical guidance on how to organise your research, to plan ahead, to make the most from a visit to the TNA or local archive, and how to organize and store your results.

[Click for more details on all our courses and to book](#)

### **DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES**

**Awaken your Ancestors** - Elementary Course

**Broadening Your Family Tree** - Intermediate Course

**Completing Your Ancestral Journey** - Advanced Course

### **Correspondence Course in Genealogy**

A 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 depth.

**Tracing Your British Ancestors from Overseas** - Elementary to Intermediate

### **Special Offer for AGRA Members & Associates**

AGRA Members and Associates can now claim a 10% discount on all IHGS courses, including those which 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>

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### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

***My Ancestor was an Apprentice.*** Stuart A Raymond. 2010

A comprehensive guide to apprenticeship sources and records. It includes an explanation of different types of apprentice and a history of apprenticeships in this country. This book contains useful information on locating and using a number of records, including apprentice indentures, poll books, freeman registers, wills and newspapers. For anybody interested in discovering more about their apprentice ancestors, this is a useful starting point.

**£8.99. Book of the Month £8 post free in the UK**

**Make Your Purchase**

### **IHGS NEWS**

#### **IHGS AWARDS DAY 2019**

Although the bad weather did force us to hold the awards ceremony indoors it did not dampen the

spirits or enthusiasm of attendees. For photographs from the day click [here](#). Congratulations go to:

Sue Cavill – Elementary Level

Rebecca Coleman – Elementary Level

Jill Gooding – Elementary Level

Tony Griggs – Elementary Level

David Richards – Elementary Level

Sarah Smith – Elementary Level

Margaret Wales – Elementary Level

Lynn Gunter – Intermediate Level

Sarah Smith – Intermediate Level

Zoë Burrows – Higher Certificate in Genealogy

Jane Chislett – Higher Certificate in Genealogy

Elizabeth Pegg – Diploma in Genealogy

John Wintrip – IHGS Licentiate in Genealogy

Ann Ballard – IHGS and Heraldic Society Intermediate Level in Heraldry

Chris Broom – IHGS and Heraldic Society Intermediate Level in Heraldry

Our planning for the 2020 Awards Day starts straight away. We are proposing easy access to our Diploma Mentoring Course, offering workshops to help students who are working towards, or considering, the Higher Certificate exam in June 2020 and workshops that offer Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced course students advice with exam techniques.

Each will be described in this newsletter.

### **ARE YOU AIMING FOR THE JUNE 2020 HIGHER CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION?**

If you are thinking of sitting the June (and November) 2020 Higher Certificate examination we are here to help and encourage you in a number of ways. At our venue in Petersfield we are running a series of workshops specifically designed to prepare you for the June and November 2020 examinations. There will be four workshops planned before June 2020: Wednesday the 23rd October 2019 and Tuesday the 28th January, 25th February and 24th March 2020.

The cost of each workshop is £20. Further dates will be arranged for those planning to sit the November exam.

For those who are unable to travel to Petersfield to attend the workshops our Director of Education, Les Mitchinson, designed a distance learning revision programme five years ago. Since then a number of IHGS graduates have taken advantage of it. The cost of the distance learning programme is £150; contact [education@ihgs.ac.uk](mailto:education@ihgs.ac.uk) for further details.

### **DIPLOMA MENTORING COURSE**

The Diploma Mentoring Course will be held in Canterbury starting September 2019. The course is open to anyone who has the IHGS Higher Certificate in Genealogy or Strathclyde's Postgraduate Certificate in Genealogy. The Course will guide students through the Diploma and its three component parts [the portfolio, task and library test]. Held in Canterbury the course includes five classroom sessions, practical workshops and a personal mentor. The cost of the course is £1,285, which also includes the registration fee and free enrolment to the IHGS modules **Report Writing** and **Drawing a Pedigree Using Your Computer**. The personal mentor will aid the student throughout the course,

helping them to adhere to the timetable and to offer advice on coursework and report writing. The course will run from September 2019-June 2020. For more details contact registrar@ihgs.ac.uk

For those who find travelling to Canterbury difficult but are interested in taking the Diploma Mentoring Course do contact us so we can discuss possible options. As far as is feasible we try to offer some flexibility for our students.

### **IHGS EVENT DAYS 2019**

Each event has a theme for the day and offers a full and interesting programme. It also provides the opportunity for students to meet each other, their tutors, and to discuss course topics. The cost of the event is £50 which includes refreshments throughout the day and a buffet lunch.

#### **Canterbury**

The next Canterbury IHGS event will be held on Wednesday the 6th November and will feature talks and practical exercises presented by IHGS tutors Les Mitchinson and Ann Ballard. The theme of the event is Attention to Detail.

For further information, or to make a booking, go to the IHGS website link [www.ihgs.ac.uk/course-ihgs-event-canterbury-2019-07-17](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/course-ihgs-event-canterbury-2019-07-17)

#### **Petersfield**

The final Petersfield event for 2019 'Christmas Crackers' is planned for Wednesday the 11th December. There will be FOUR Petersfield Events for 2020 on the 12th February, 13th May, 14th October and 16th December. Anyone who is interested, or who wants further information, or wishes to make a booking, should contact Les directly on [education@ihgs.ac.uk](mailto:education@ihgs.ac.uk) or for the latest updates go to the Announcements section on the IHGS Student Forum.

### **IHGS WORKSHOPS**

The series of workshops provide guidance on a broad range of issues covering a number of lectures and each will have at least one practical exercise. It is also a good opportunity to meet fellow students and to share ideas. The workshops are held at the Petersfield Community Centre, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4BW, commencing at 11.45am and will last approximately four hours. The cost for each workshop is £20.

Autumn Term dates are:

Wed. 18th Sept: Elementary level & Higher Cert. students on lectures 1 to 6

Wed. 25th Sept: Intermediate level & Higher Cert. students on lectures 7 to 12

Wed. 16th Oct: Elementary level & Higher Cert. students on lectures 1 to 6

Wed. 18th Dec: Elementary level & Higher Cert. students on lectures 1 to 6

To book go to the link [www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist) and for all the latest updates go to the **Announcements** section on the IHGS Student Forum.

### **EXAMINATIONS**

#### **Examination Dates 2019**

##### Saturday 23 November

- 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, IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy and IHGS Advanced Level in Genealogy examinations may be taken. The next exam

date will be 7th August.

For more details concerning any of the examinations please contact [registrar@ihgs.ac.uk](mailto:registrar@ihgs.ac.uk).

## **FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS**

IHGS will be attending a number of genealogical fairs including:-

Family History Show 24th August 2019, Sandown Racecourse

RootsTech London 24-26 October 2019, ExCel London Convention Centre

Family History Show South West 8th February 2020, UWE Centre, Bristol

Family Tree Live 17-18 April 2020, Alexandra Palace

The Genealogy Show 27-28 June 2020, NEC

## **THE REGISTER OF QUALIFIED GENEALOGISTS (RQG)**

One advantage of gaining the IHGS Diploma in Genealogy is that it is recognised by the RQG. The aim of the RQG is to improve standards of professional genealogical practice and deliver these improvements to customers for genealogical and family history services. It provides, and makes public, a record of those genealogists who hold a recognised qualification in the field of genealogy and associated practices, and who may be willing to provide professional services in that field.

Congratulations to Higher Certificate Correspondence Course student Grace TABERN who has been accepted as a student member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG)

To become a student member the student must be currently taking one of the qualifying courses recognised by RQG. The IHGS qualifying course is the Diploma in Genealogy. Student membership can be held for a maximum of five years so if you think you can complete the Higher Certificate Correspondence Course, pass the Higher Certificate examination and successfully complete the three Diploma assignments within the five years, you may wish to consider applying yourself.

If you want to learn more about the RQG go to the website [www.qualifiedgenealogists.org](http://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org)

## **AGRA CONFERENCE**

The IHGS is proud to be a sponsor of the AGRA Conference. We are sponsoring the pre-dinner drinks reception so the Conference is assured of getting off to a good start! The Conference will be held on 27/28 September 2019 in Pembroke College, Oxford University. The conference dinner will be held on Friday 27th September in the medieval College Hall; Nick Barlay will be the after-dinner speaker. Nick has written four novels, including *Scattered Ghosts*, which tells the 200-year story of his Hungarian Jewish family through war, Holocaust and revolution to contemporary Britain. The Conference keynote speaker will be Janine Ramirez who will give a presentation on "Personalities of the Past".

Many of the IHGS tutors will be attending on the 27th and 28th along with a number of IHGS students; it should be quite a gathering. You do not have to be a member of AGRA to attend. Follow the link <https://www.agra.org.uk/conference2019/> for further details and Pembroke College images and a link to the registration page.

## **GENEALOGICAL NEWS.**

**Wills post-1858** are now available as downloads for £1.50 each [previously they were £10]. To order, go to <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/>

**The National library of Wales** is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library giving free access within our building to digital genealogical collections that are otherwise accessible only through one of their centres.

**FamilySearch** has added a much-anticipated innovation that now enables users to make name

corrections to its indexes. Corrections made by users increase the likelihood of success for researchers to find the records of their ancestors.

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## Website Updates

### FindMyPast

- British Officers Serving In Early America, 1614-1787
- Derbyshire nonconformist records
- Essex Parish Registers
- Scotland, Orkney, 1821 South Ronaldsay Census
- United States, Passenger and Crew Lists
- Pennsylvania Immigrants, 1727-1776 and Oath of Allegiance

### FamilySearch

- England and Wales, National Index of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1957
- Scotland Presbyterian & Protestant Church Records, 1736-1990
- Hawaii, Passport Records, 1874-1898 and Grantor and Grantee Index, 1845-1909
- Scandinavia, Mission Emigration Records, 1852-1920
- Swedish Mission Emigration Records, 1905-1932
- USA, Alaska, State Archives (Juneau), Military Service Discharge Records
- USA, Georgia, Church Vital Records, 1828-1991
- USA, Minnesota Naturalization Records and Indexes, 1872-1962
- Oregon, Multnomah County, Poor Farm Admissions Records, 1900-1962
- USA, South Carolina, Charleston County, Charleston, Birth Registers, 1901-1926
- USA, South Dakota, Grave Registration Records, 1940-1941
- USA, Wisconsin Index to Naturalization Petitions, 1848-1990

### Ancestry

- Africa, Asia and Europe, Passenger Lists of Displaced Persons, 1946-1971,
- Registration of Foreigners and German Persecutees, 1939-1947
- Canada, Nova Scotia, Land Petitions, 1765-1800
- USA, Connecticut, Death Records, 1897-1968, Marriage Records, 1897-1968
- USA, Idaho, Reconstructed State Census, 1890
- USA, Wayne County Indiana Marriage Records, 1811-1903

### TheGenealogist

- Norfolk parish registers and bastardy records
- War Memorials

### DeceasedOnline

- Headington, Oxfordshire

### Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

- Index of Grantees, 1708-1738 Registry of Deeds - Index of Grantors, 1708-1738 and Longford,
- Tipperary Thurles Parish Marriages, Dio. of Cashel & Emly (R.C.) 1838-1843

### MyHeritage

- Australia Electoral Rolls, 1893-1949
- Quebec Marriage Returns, 1926-1997

- Honolulu, Hawaii Passenger Lists, 1900-1953
- Baltimore, Maryland Passenger Lists, 1891-1943

## EVENTS AND COURSES TIMETABLE 2019 and 2020

<b>Sat 24 Aug</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>The Family History Show, Sandown Racecourse</b>
<b>Sat 14 Sep</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>DNA: A beginners' course for family historians</b>
<b>Wed 18 Sep</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Modules 1-6</b>
<b>Mon 23 Sep</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>Report Writing. How to Manage a Research Task</b>
<b>Wed 25 Sep</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Modules 7-12</b>
<b>Wed 2 Oct</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>Using Archives and Getting Organized</b>
<b>Wed 9 Oct</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Wed 16 Oct</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Modules 1-6</b>
<b>Wed 23 Oct</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Modules 13-18</b>
<b>24-26 Oct</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>RootsTech – ExCel Centre, London</b>
<b>30 Oct</b>	<b>Open Day</b>	
<b>Wed 6 Nov</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Canterbury]</b>
<b>Wed 11 Dec</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Modules 1-6</b>
<b>Sat 23 Nov</b>	<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate</b>
<b>Tue 28 Jan 2020</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Revision [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Sat 8 Feb</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Family History Show South West, UWE Bristol</b>
<b>Wed 12 Feb</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Tue 25 Feb</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Revision [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Mon 2 Mar</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>Heraldry</b>
<b>Tue 24 Mar</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Revision [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Sat 28 Mar</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>The Professional Approach</b>
<b>Wed 13 May</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>
<b>17-18 Apr</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Family Tree Live</b>
<b>Tue 2 June</b>	<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Diploma in Genealogy</b>
<b>Sat 13 June</b>	<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate</b>
<b>26-27 June</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>The Genealogy Show - NEC</b>
<b>Sat 25 July</b>	<b>Awards Day</b>	
<b>Wed 14 Oct</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b>	<b>Day Course</b>	<b>IHGS Event [Petersfield]</b>

[See Our Courses](#)

**Did You know that.....**the occupational term, Cordwainers, derives from Cordova in Spain. Cordwainers were makers of boots and shoes and the finest were produced from goatskin of Cordova, Spain, thus giving to the craft the name of cordovaners, or cordwainers. The

organisation of the leather workers in London was highly complex with numerous separate mysteries dealing with particular aspects of trade. From the 13th century onwards ordinances and acts were made which attempted to define the limits of crafts such as carriers, tanners, cobblers and cordwainers. The earliest of these ordinances directly dealing with the cordwainers are dated 1271/2. The charter of incorporation to the freeman of the Mystery of Cordwainer, dated 12th April 1439, gave to the company control over the trade in new shoes and tanned leather throughout the City and within two miles thereof. The powers of the Cordwainers' Company were effective for longer than most of the other City guilds being continued into the nineteenth century, with special powers under Act of Parliament. Its influence also extended over guilds of the craft in other cities and areas.



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