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# The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

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Newsletter 224

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

## **BUSINESS AS USUAL**

Despite closing our Canterbury head office to the public in accordance with government guideline, the IHGS remains very much open for business. Staff, along with our dedicated group of tutors, are all looking for ways to engage with you and to ensure that students are able to receive the best advice and in a timely manner.

Some of the initiatives we are introducing are: providing a direct email for students to contact their tutor; providing virtual workshops; giving totally free access to Module 1 of our Elementary Family History Course and offering a 10% discount on our ABC courses and Correspondence Course.

We will also issue our newsletter twice a month until the current situation improves.

We wish all our readers and students all the best at this time.

Our next Newsletter will be published around the middle of April.

## **DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES**

Take your genealogical knowledge to the next level

#### **DISCOUNT ON COURSES**

With immediate effect we are offering a **10%** discount on all of the following courses:

Awaken Your Ancestors, Elementary Course, was £135, now £121.50

Broadening Your Family Tree, Intermediate Course, was £150, now £135

**Completing Your Ancestral Journey**, Advanced Course, was £450, now £405 [Tutor assessed]

**Higher Certificate Correspondence Course**, was £2340, now £2106 [Tutor assessed]

Heraldry, was £480, now £432 [Tutor assessed]

Tracing Your British Ancestors from Overseas, was £200, now £180

#### **ELEMENTARY COURSE TASTER**

Before you purchase your IHGS distance learning course you may wish to sample the format and quality of our courses. For a limited period, we are making Module 1 of our Elementary course available to you as a taster. To access the module go to the IHGS website and follow the link: <a href="https://www.ihgs.ac.uk/">www.ihgs.ac.uk/</a> resources/awaken-getting-started-taster.pdf

This offer will end on the 31st May 2020.

For more details on all our courses and to book

#### **IMPORTANT STUDENT NEWS**

The work of the Registrar will continue as usual. All assignments will be processed and lectures made available, course bookings and examination enrolments taken. All staff members will also be available to be contacted by email. So do send in your assignments to the registrar as normal.

If you are working on a lecture which requires you to visit an archive, you may experience problems due to closure, or if you are self isolating. In this case, you can move on to the next lecture instead and/ or use online sources where applicable. Alternative questions are also now available to facilitate your progress.

If you have any problems at all with your studies we are here to help, so please do contact your tutor or the <a href="mailto:registrar@ihgs.ac.uk">registrar@ihgs.ac.uk</a>

We have stopped sending lectures out by post and we would ask students to submit assignments by email or through dropbox as opposed to hard copies. Sending assignments and receiving feedback by email will ensure there is no disruption.

#### **Tutor groups**

Our tutors have offered to provide a dedicated email address for their students to utilise. Please use the assigned email addresses if you have any questions for your tutor. If you have a query concerning the administration of the course, such as submitting or receiving lectures please

contact the <u>registrar@ihgs.ac.uk</u> as usual.

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In addition to the above your personal tutor also remains contactable via Private Message on the Student Forum.

#### **Virtual Workshops**

IHGS Tutor Lorna Kinnaird is planning to facilitate virtual workshops for members of her tutor group. If they are a success then other tutors may follow. Details of Lorna's virtual workshops will be promulgated in the mid-month newsletter.

Thank you Lorna.

#### FORTHCOMING DAY COURSES

Click for more details and to book

It is very much hoped that our programme will be able to continue as usual in June when it is hoped that the government will be able to lift social distancing orders. However if we need to postpone any courses due to government guidelines then we will reschedule them at the earliest opportunity. Your booking can be moved to the new date or a refund will be arranged.

#### THE PROFESSIONAL APPROACH - POSTPONED

It was such a shame that we were forced to postpone the IHGS Professional Approach Day. It is one of our high-profile events and we have every intention of running it as soon as we are able to.

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 Lucy Browne [IHGS Tutor] together with web designer Paul Carter, the seminar will discuss all aspects of starting up and running a genealogical practice.

## IHGS LONDON EVENT – 16 JULY 2020

We have not postponed our inaugural IHGS London Event and we will keep you informed if circumstances change. The prospect of holding the IHGS London Event at the Society of Genealogists is something we are all looking forward to. If we are forced to postpone it for any reason, we promise to re-schedule it at the first available opportunity.

The focus of the event is record sources in context. It will be led by the IHGS Director of Education, Les Mitchinson, accompanied by fellow tutors Ann Ballard and Lucy Browne. The cost is £50 per person. For more details and to book <u>click</u>

IHGS EVENT - 13 MAY 2020 IHGS Petersfield Hub - POSTPONED

These events are open to students on any of our distance learning courses and to non-IHGS students. Anyone who is interested, or who wants further information, or wishes to make a booking, should contact Les directly on education@ihgs.ac.uk or for the latest updates go to the Announcements section on the IHGS Student Forum.

Further events planned for IHGS Petersfield Hub 2020 are:

14th October: "Pushing the Boundaries" 16th December: "Supporting Cast"

#### **CANTERBURY COURSES**

Click for more details and to book

## **CREATING A WEBSITE FOR YOUR FAMILY HISTORY -** Saturday 6th June 2020 [the date is currently under review]

We all enjoy sharing stories of our ancestors, so a website dedicated to your family history provides a perfect outlet to the widest possible audience. This one-day workshop, which is aimed at beginners to web design, will cover the basic concepts of setting up a website, planning the content to publish, the benefits of blogging and how your website may be found through Google search. Using WordPress as a platform, you will have the opportunity to start building your own website in a guided workshop session.

The workshop is led by genealogist and professional web designer Paul Carter, who has produced websites for a number of family history organisations and writes a regular tech tips column for Family Tree magazine.

#### IHGS PETERSFIELD HUB - DAY MODULES

The Getting Organsied module planed for 8th April has been postponed and will be re-scheduled at the earliest opportunity.

## **RESEARCH – THE MODERN APPROACH - GUEST SPEAKER DEBBIE KENNETT -** 9th September

Debbie Kennett is a leading authority on DNA and lectures at all the leading family history events and conferences. We are delighted that she is able to visit Petersfield in September to give two talks on DNA and the practicalities and usefulness of DNA. This module is proving very popular, only THREE places available.

## MILITARY RECORDS – OUR ANCESTORS IN CONFLICT – GUEST SPEAKER SIMON FOWLER 11th November

Simon Fowler will join Les Mitchinson on Remembrance Day to discuss Military Records – Our Ancestors in Conflict. Simon has written numerous books on a wide range of family history subjects including Tracing your Army Ancestors and Tracing your Naval Ancestors. Simon also spent 20 years working at The National Archives. He will concentrate on Army records whilst Les [himself a member of the Royal Navy for many years] will present on the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force. Only TEN places left

Contact Les on education@ihgs.ac.uk or lmentaryfh@gmail.com for more information or to reserve your place for any *IHGS Petersfield Hub events* 

### **IHGS NEWS**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to IHGS Tutor, Jane Sheehan, Diploma Graduate (Distinction) who at the recent AGRA Interview Day was recently accepted by the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA) as a Member.

Also to Gilliam Cable, Higher Certificate Graduate, who was also accepted by AGRA as a Member.

#### THE JUNE 2020 IHGS EXAMINATIONS

We are currently considering a number of options and all are designed with the interest of the candidates paramount. The situation is extremely fluid right now which makes the decision-making process difficult. Rest assured that all examination candidates will be informed if, and when, decisions are made.

#### **IHGS WORKSHOPS**

The IHGS holda a series of IHGS workshops in Petersfield. 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 *IHGS Petersfield Hub* The cost for each workshop is £20.

The current Summer Term Dates are:

Wed. 29 April - POSTPONED

Wed. 17 June: A pre-exam consolidation workshop for Elementary, Intermediate & Advanced Course students wishing to sit the appropriate examination paper.

Wed. 24 June: For Intermediate Level & Correspondence Course students on lectures 5-12

Tue. 30 June: General workshop on how to get the most from a visit to the National Archives.

Wed. 15 July: For Elementary Level & Correspondence Course students on lectures 1-6

The workshops are also open to non-IHGS students; to book go to the link <a href="www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist">www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist</a>. For all the latest updates go to the <a href="www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist">Events</a>, <a href="www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist">Workshops and Day Courses</a> section of the IHGS Student Forum.

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

The Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG) has recently announced its second conference. The event will be held at the Science and Industry Museum, Manchester on the 26th September, 2020. For further details go to the website link: www.qualifiedgenealogists.com/2020-conference. IHGS is pleased to be one of the sponsor of this event.

#### **GENEALOGY NEWS**

**U3A Peak District Family History Network** have organised a Family History Conference Day for autumn 2020. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual one-day conference will be held on Saturday 19 September at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire. The speakers, all highly regarded, are:-

Dr Janet Few - 'One-place Names'

Debbie Kennett - 'The Joy of Surnames'

Dr Nick Barratt - 'House Histories' Helen Tovey - 'Family Tree magazine - past, present and future'

https://www.fhsc.org.uk/new-documents/public-documents/2157-u3a-conference-march-and-september/file

**RootsTech London** originally scheduled for November 2020 has been postponed until Autumn 2021. Refunds will be given to all those who have already registered.

**Family Tree Live -** 18th &19th April has been cancelled.

THE Genealogy Show 2020 - 26th & Saturday 27th June has been cancelled.

## **Website Updates - new collections**

## **FindMyPast**

- British Army, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps 1917-1920
- British Armed Forces, First World War Disability & Retirement Payments For Officers & Nurses
- Cambridgeshire, Wisbech, Mt Pleasant Cemetery, burial records
- Middlesex baptism for Hampton, Hayes, Hornsey and Stanwell
- Galway: Poor Law Union Records; Galway County Burials; St George Mansergh Estate Records
- Waterford Poor Law Union Board Of Guardians Minute Books
- Jamaica, Civil Death Registrations with images

#### **Ancestry**

- Household Cavalry Records, 1799-1920
- Bristol, Non-Conformist Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, 1644-198
- London, England, Newgate Calendar of Prisoners, 1785-1853
- Belfast Burial Indexes, 1869-2011
- Ireland, Prison Registers, 1790-1924
- Irish Emigrants in North America,1775-1825
- Ireland, Encumbered Estates, 1850-1885
- Ireland, Dog Licence Registrations, 1810-1926
- Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers.
- 1836 and 1838 Pettigrew and Oulton Dublin Almanack and General Register of Ireland Australia, Victoria, Battle to Farm, 1919-1935
- U.S.A Congressional Medal of Honor Society Recipients, 1839 2012
- Georgia, Catholic Diocese of Savannah Cemetery Records, 1853-1975
- Maine: Veterans Cemetery Records, 1676-1918; York County, Probate Estate Files, 1690-1917; J. Gary Nichols Cemetery Collection, ca. 1780-1999; Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection, 1780-1990; Tombstone Inscriptions, Surname Index, 1718-2014; Maine, Piscataquis County, Deed Books, 1838-1902; Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, 1780-1980
- New York: New York, Index to Marriage Licenses, 1908-1910, 1938-1940; New York, Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

#### **FamilySearch**

• Ireland, the Register of Derry Cathedral, 1642-1703

- Ireland, Thom's Irish Almanac, 1880
- Sweden Burials, 1649-1920

#### **USA**

- American Samoa, Passports, 1919-1924
- Various states World War II Draft Registration Cards,1940-1945
- California: Tulare County, Visalia Cemetery Records, 1875-1990;Sonoma County, Sebastopol, Evergreen Lawn Cemetery Burial Records
- Florida, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at St. Petersburg, Florida, 1926-1941
- Georgia, Washington County, Federal Census, 1890
- Kansas, Crawford County, Frontenac, funeral home records, 1905-2014
- Louisiana: First Registration Draft Cards, 1940-1945; Orleans Parish Death Records and Certificates, 1835-1954; Louisiana, New Orleans, Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820-1875
- Maine, Cumberland County, Westbrook, Woodlawn Cemetery, Burial Records, 1914-1992
- Mississippi, Death Certificate Index, 1912-1943
- Tennessee, Davidson County, Death Records, 1900-1913
- Texas, Dallas County, Oakland Cemetery Interment Cards, 1891-1999
- Utah, Brigham City Family History Center, Obituary Collection, 1930-2010
- Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wanderer's Rest Cemetery Records, 1880-1979

## **TheGenealogist**

• Trade Directories

Derby 1829 History, Gazetteer and Directory; Devonshire 1830 Pigot's Directory; Durham 1828 White's Directory; Essex 1832-1833 Pigot's Directory; Glasgow 1831-1832 Post Office Directory; Lincolnshire 1826/7 Directory; Liverpool 1816 Gore's Directory; London 1816 Post Office Directory; London 1819 Robson's Directory; London 1822 Post Office Directory; London and Provincial 1823-1824 New Commercial Pigot Directory; London 1824 Post Office Directory; London 1826 Post Office Directory; London 1828 Robson's Commercial Directory; London 1829 Robson's Trades Directory; London 1831 Post Office Directory; London 1833 Robson's Directory; London 1836 Post Office Directory; London 1837 Post Office Directory; London 1839 Post Office Directory; Norfolk 1830 Pigot's Directory; Northumberland 1828 White's Directory;

Nottinghamshire 1832 White's Directory;

Suffolk 1830 Pigot's Directory.

#### **Deceased Online**

• Cheshire: Alderley Edge, Knutsford, and Wilmslow Cemeteries

### **My Heritage**

- Biographical summaries of millions of notable people from around the world.
- Inventors of historical patents
- Canada from 1752 to 2007
- USA, Minnesota, Birth Index, 1900-1934 and Death Index, 1904-2001

#### RootsIreland.ie

• County Kerry Roman Catholic baptisms and marriages

#### **EVENTS AND COURSES TIMETABLE 2020**

We will keep the dates in review depending on government guidelines. As soon as the situation is clearer will will reschedule any events postponed.

Tue 2 June	Examinations	Diploma in Genealogy
Sat 6 June	Day Course	Creating a Website for Your Family History
Sat 13 June	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Sat 20 June	Event	The Family History Show – York Racecourse
16 July	Day Course	IHGS Event [London, SOG]
Sat 25 July	Awards Day	
Wed 9 Sep	Day Course	The Modern Approach DNA [IHGS Petersfield Hub]
Sat 26 Sep	Event	The Family History Show London – Kempton
Mon 5 Oct	Day Course	How to Draw a Pedigree Using Your Computer
Wed 14 Oct	Day Course	IHGS Event [IHGS Petersfield Hub]
Mon 2 Nov	Day Course	Report Writing – How to manage a research task
Wed 11 Nov	Day Course	Military Records [IHGS Petersfield Hub]
Sat 21 Nov	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Wed 16 Dec	Day Course	IHGS Event [IHGS Petersfield Hub]

All events and courses are held at our headquarters in Canterbury unless otherwise stated.

Our base in Canterbury is easy to visit, with two train stations only a 10 minute walk away. Canterbury is only a 55 minute train journey from St Pancras International Station. A park and ride is just off the A2 [New Dover Road] and a 10 minute bus ride into the centre of town.

Did You know......that over 250,000 marriages took place in the environs of the Fleet Prison between 1678 and 1754? A staggering 6,500 marriages took place there every year by the 1740s, accounting for half of all the marriages in London. Priests in the Church of England, who had been imprisoned there, typically for debt, conducted these, as, since they had neither liberty nor benefice to lose, they were immune from the heavy legal penalties that they would otherwise incur. Frequently, more information is recorded in the Fleet registers than in a typical London register, though undoubtedly, some of the entries contain false information and occasionally names may be fictitious. Marrying in the Fleet Prison was popular because couples could avoid all the formalities and expense of banns or licences. Soldiers and sailors especially liked the fact that they could marry immediately. Only when Lord Hardwicke's Act came into force in 1754 was a stop put to these irregular and clandestine marriages. Couples now had to marry by licence or banns, have the consent of parents if under 21 years old, and the wedding had to take place in a parish where one of the parties resided. A special printed register was also brought into use. Gretna Green, just over the Scottish border where Hardwicke's Act had no jurisdiction, therefore became the destination of choice instead of the Fleet for those who didn't want to or often couldn't abide by the rules. Records of Fleet Prison marriages are in series RG 7 and can be viewed at www.ancestry.co.uk.









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