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

FORTHCOMING DAY COURSES

The Parish and The Manor - Monday 20th May 2019

There is much more to parish records than merely the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. This course will introduce you to the many other records available and how they can not only help you to trace your family history but can also give an insight into the daily life of our ancestors.

How to Draw a Pedigree Tree Using Your Computer - Wednesday 5th June 2019

The course will demonstrate how traditional pedigrees can be created using Microsoft PowerPoint and will be particularly attractive to those wishing to undertake commissioned work, students on the Correspondence Course in Genealogy and for those who want to correctly display their ancestral lines.

Army and RAF - Monday 17th June 2019 and **Royal Navy and Royal Marines** - Monday 1st July 2019

Military records can give invaluable insight not only into your ancestor's life whilst in the military but can also give essential genealogical information to help extend your family tree. The course will cover records from the 18th-21st centuries and will discuss both online and original sources. The day will be led by Les Mitchinson, IHGS Director of Education and Vice Chair of AGRA, who also specialises in military records.

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

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, 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.

[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>

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Tracing Your Canal Ancestors. Sue Wilkes

Until the coming of the railways, Britain's industrial revolution depended on canals for the cheap movement of materials and goods. This work discusses the people who lived and worked on the waterways, the canal boatmen and their families, and those who depended on the canal trade for a living, the lock-keepers, toll collectors, and canal company clerks. She provides a thorough, practical guide to the archives, books, websites and societies available for researchers. Her book is essential reading for anyone interested in this aspect of the industrial past.

£14.99. Book of the Month £10 post free in the UK



IHGS NEWS

FAMILY TREE LIVE

IHGS will be attending the fair at Alexandra Palace on the 26th and 27th April. Come and visit us on stand F44 to find out about courses and qualifications and special offers.

LICENTIATESHIP of IHGS (L.H.G.)

We are very pleased to announce that John Alexander Wintrip has been awarded the Licentiateship in Heraldry and Genealogy. This is the Institute's highest-level award, on an academic par with a university M.Phil., and entitles John to use the postnominals "LHG".

The title of John's dissertation is *The Development of Extended Parish Registers During the Half-Century Before Rose's Act* – a beautifully and thoroughly researched account of the efforts by William Dade, Shute Barrington and others to record more information in parochial registers than was required by statute in the late eighteenth century.

John Wintrip was previously awarded the Higher Certificate in Genealogy in 2006 and the Diploma in genealogy in 2008.

ASSOCIATION OF GENEALOGISTS & RESEARCHERS IN ARCHIVES (AGRA) MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce the following IHGS students have gained membership of AGRA:

Higher Certificate Correspondence Course

Sarah OSBORNE, Associate to AGRA Member

Paul GARDNER, to AGRA Associate

Sarah PETTYFER, to AGRA Associate

To apply for membership of AGRA go to the website link: www.agra.org.uk/join .

DIPLOMA MENTORING COURSE

The Diploma Mentoring Course will be held in Canterbury starting the 24th September 2019. The course will replace the current one that has been held in Petersfield since 2013. The cost of the course is £1,285 which includes the registration fee and free enrolment to the IHGS modules Report Writing and Drawing a Pedigree Using Your Computer. Further details will be issued next month. The course is open to anyone who has the IHGS Certificate in Genealogy or Strathclyde's Postgraduate Certificate in Genealogy. More information will be announced soon.

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. If you want to learn more about the RQG go to the website www.qualifiedgenealogists.org

IHGS EVENT DAYS 2019

Canterbury 17 July

The inaugural event in Canterbury was held on Monday the 18th March and was very well received. The second Canterbury event is planned for Wednesday 17th July and will feature talks and practical exercises presented by IHGS tutors Les Mitchinson and Ann Ballard.

The event is open to students on any of our distance learning courses and to non-IHGS students. 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_

Petersfield 12 June

The next Petersfield IHGS event will be held on Wednesday the 12th June. The theme for the day will be 'Putting your Research into Context'. Apart from a full and interesting programme students will also have the opportunity to meet the tutors and to discuss course topics. The cost of the event will be £50 which includes refreshments throughout the day, a buffet lunch and free parking. Further Petersfield events for 2019 are planned for the 9th October and 11th December.

The 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. At the time of going to print there are only FIVE places remaining.

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.

The workshop planned for the 3rd April is suitable for all students and will focus on getting the most from a visit to the National Archives, getting the most out of a visit to a county or local archive and tips on getting organised. Bookings will be taken until 12pm on the 2nd April.

Summer Term dates are:

Wed. 24th April: Awaken students & Higher Certificate students on lectures 1-6

Wed. 19th June: Broadening students & Higher Certificate students on lectures 7-12

Wed. 26th June: Awaken students & Higher Certificate students on lectures 1-6

To book go to the link 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 15th June 2019.

- 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 dates will 1st May.

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

FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS

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

Family Tree Live, 26th & 27th April 2019, Alexandra Palace, London

GENEALOGICAL NEWS

The National Archives of Ireland has rolled out a new look for its online platform at www.nationalarchives.ie.

Scottish Immigration database The database seeks to identify patterns of movement from Scottish ports between 1890 and 1960 using information transferred digitally from the passenger manifests of the Board of Trade's Statistical Department (BT 27) held at The National Archives. It contains the records of 21,090 passengers and adds a unique quantitative dimension to the scholarship of the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies.: [//www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/search.html](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/search.html)

The Name and Place <http://www.nameandplace.co.uk> have announced the launch of Name and Place at Family Tree Live, Alexandra Palace, in London, on 26th and 27th April 2019.

Website Updates

FindMyPast

- British Army Records & Regimental Histories
- Kent Poor Law and Occupations
- Liverpool Workhouse Registers
- Scotland, Criminal Database 1801-1917
- Scotland, Midlothian, 1834 Dalkeith Census
- Scotland, Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus) Hearth Tax 1691
- Scotland, People of Banffshire 1334-1851
- US Servicemen in North Devon, England 1943-1945
- Guatemala Baptism Index 1730-1917, Civil Registration 1877-2008, Death Index 1760-1880, Marriage Index 1750-1930 and Ciudad de Guatemala Census 1877
- USA, Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Records

FamilySearch

- Canada, Prairie Provinces Census, 1926
- Germany, Bavaria, Middle Franconia, Brenner Collection of Genealogical Records, 1550-1900
- USA, French Combatants in the Revolutionary War, 1778-1783
- USA, New Hampshire, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1947
- USA, Ohio, World War I Statement of Service Cards, 1914-1919
- USA, Texas, Gonzales County, Divorce Records, 1911-1958
- USA, Utah, World War I Militia Lists, 1917-1918
- Hawaii, World War I Service Records, 1917-1919

Ancestry

- Cork, Ireland, Marriage Licence Bonds Index, 1623-1750
- France Hautes-Alpes, France, Census, 1836, 1856, 1876, 1896
- France Vienne, France, Census, 1896
- Germany, Nienburg Marriages, 1874-1937
- Norway censuses 1891, 1900, and 1910
- USA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 1781-1969
- USA, Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850

- USA, Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777-1834
- USA, World War II Draft Registration Cards for 1942

Deceased Online

- West Norwood Cemetery

MyHeritage

- Norway censuses 1891, 1900, and 1910

EVENTS AND COURSES TIMETABLE 2019

Wed 3 Apr	Workshop	Modules 19-24 + Completion [Petersfield]
26-27 April	Event	Family Tree Live – Alexandra Palace
Mon 20 May	Day Course	The Parish and the Manor
Tue 4 June	Examinations	Diploma in Genealogy
Wed 5 June	Day Course	How to Draw Your Pedigree Using a Computer
7-8 June	Event	Family History Show - NEC
Wed 12 June	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]
Sat 15 June	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Mon 17 June	Day Course	Army and RAF
Mon 24 Jun	Day Course	Royal Navy and Royal Marines
Wed 17 Jul	Day Course	IHGS Event [Canterbury]
Sat 27 July	Event	Awards Day
Sat 14 Sep	Day Course	DNA: A beginners' course for family historians
Mon 23 Sep	Day Course	Report Writing. How to Manage a Research Task
Wed 2 Oct	Day Course	Using Archives and Getting Organised
Wed 9 Oct	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]
24-26 Oct	Event	RootsTech – ExCel Centre, London
Sat 23 Nov	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Wed 6 Nov	Day Course	IHGS Event [Canterbury]
Wed 11 Dec	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]

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Did You know that.....the townland is the smallest territorial area in Ireland? Within the 2450 Irish civil parishes there are over 64,000 townlands that vary in size from ten acres to several thousand acres. Originally, a townland was a family's holding of land and typically, there are twenty-five to thirty townlands in one civil parish. Many have Gaelic names (often based on topographical features) and due to spelling variations, they are not always to identify. There are also many townlands with the same name. However, it is important to identify the particular townland where a family lived because many genealogical records, such as Griffith's Primary

Valuation, the Tithe Applotment Books, and Census Returns are organised by townland. Knowing the townland where a family lived also helps to distinguish them from other families in the vicinity who shared the same surname. In order to discover the townlands within a civil parish (or alternatively, the civil parish where a specific townland is located), the Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland, also known as the Townland Index is very useful. Several editions were published in the 19th century and there are versions online.



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