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**REALLY
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Bulletin**

Welcome to this special edition bringing you details for the

2023 REALLY USEFUL FAMILY HISTORY SHOW

taking place *online only* on

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November



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PROGRAMME



Friday 17 November
10am—10pm

EXHIBITION HALL

The Exhibition Hall, sponsored by PARISH CHEST, is open. Exhibitors have been asked to post information on their booth advising when they will be in attendance to talk to you. At other times you can use the 'chat' to leave messages or send a direct email.

This is your opportunity to draw on the local and specialist expertise of exhibitors.

SHORT TALKS

In addition, the programme of short talks is running and accessible only at individual booths.

List of confirmed talks is in this special Bulletin—we are expecting more!

The booth logo is displayed alongside each speaker and their topic in this Bulletin.



Visit the show website to keep up to date. Link to the booth on the day to enjoy local talks which run throughout both show days!

Saturday 18 November
10am—6pm

WORKSHOPS

You can book to participate or observe. You can book one workshop in each time slot. In this special Bulletin you will find the confirmed workshops along with their time slot. You need to book! Most facilitators will record their presentations—see website.

EXHIBITION HALL

Some exhibitors will man their booths also on Saturday—visit each booth for information and also the short talks. If nobody is there in person, you can always send a direct email.

EXPERT PANELS

Each session is open to anyone who would like to discuss or receive advice on genealogical challenges by interacting with the experts. Join the sessions using Zoom.



AGRA 11.00am

Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives



RQG 2.00pm

Register of Qualified Genealogists

SPECIALIST TALKS

Talks available from 10.00am on Saturday 18 November until 11.59pm on Friday 1 December

Confirmed presentations are detailed in this special Bulletin. Please keep checking the website for late additions. We are promised more, but we are not naming them until safely 'in the can' so we do not disappoint you (or embarrass presenters unable to participate).



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Short Talks—Exhibition Hall

**All short talks are accessed via the booths in the Exhibition Hall
Visit the website for more details!**



Janet BARRIE

One-Place Studies for Free



Roland BOSTOCK

1. Our Memorial Inscriptions: West Middlesex FHS

2. From Slips to Databases: digitising our data



John BOWNASS

Spotlight on Yelling, Cambridgeshire



Debbie BRADLEY

Memorial Inscriptions in Mid-Norfolk



Sarah BROWNING

Monumental Inscriptions – Use and Usefulness for Family History Research



Elizabeth BURLING

Where Were They Buried?



Jo COSTIN

Three Lives of the First World War Using Examples from Cambridgeshire



Karen CUMMINGS

Why Test DNA?



Jackie DEPELLE

Researching Yorkshire Ancestors Online



Janet FEW

Researching your Agricultural Labourers



Simon FOWLER

Using Printed Sources in Family History



Jo HERON

Introducing The Metcalfe Family History Society



Shauna HICKS

Researching in Australia



Caroline HOLDSWORTH

Memories: Adding Photos, Albums, Creating Slideshows and Sharing on FamilySearch



Daniel HOROWITZ

1. Using the MyHeritage Search Engine to Find Your Family

2. MyHeritage Photo Features: A Whole New Way to Tell Your Family's Story



Karen HUNTER

Glimpses of Past Lives in Shropshire as seen through the Society Journal



Julie JAKEWAY

Mental Illness in the Nineteenth Century



Jerry KING and Wiltshire FHS members

Welcome to the Wiltshire FHS Resource Centre



Rosemary KOPITKE

Find Your Family in Queensland using the unique DataSearch programme



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more... Short Talks—Exhibition Hall



Angela MALIN

1. Researching Boot and Shoe Ancestors in Northamptonshire
2. Researching in Northamptonshire: Northamptonshire Archives



Tahitia McCABE

- Taking your Genealogy Studies Further**



Sadie MCMULLEN

1. Building the Local Population before 1841: Case Study – Fletton, Huntingdonshire
2. J.C. Hill: Maker of Modern Fletton



Don NUTT

- The Newfoundland Trade: Pirates, Castaways and Codfish**



Gary ODDIE

- Farm Checks of the Fens**



Karen ORRELL

1. Customs and Folklore of the Fens
2. Was your Ancestor a Nonconformist?



Wendy PRATT

- Historical records and indexing emails: How to assess and deal with them on FamilySearch**



Jeanette ROSENBURG

- Jewish Family History - Where to find the Records**



Helen SHIELDS

- Ryedale FHS Zoom 'Chat' includes 'Potato Farming on Prince Edward Island'!**



Helen SISK

- Employment, Occupation & Business Records in Cork, Ireland**



Janice SMITH

- Scottish Nineteenth Century Kirk Session Records**



The GAZETTE

- How to Search Hundreds of Years of Free Archives in the Gazette, the UK's Official Public Record**



Wendy TIBBITTS

- Longford: A Heathrow Village in Limbo**



Mary TWENTYMAN

- 1910 Valuation - Using Bradford as an example**



Ian WALLER

- The NEW Explore Your Genealogy Website**



Emilie WOOD

- Tracing Your Irish Origins**



Family History Books

- Drop in to learn more about what we offer to researchers and especially for authors**

All short talks are accessed via the booths in the Exhibition Hall

Your show ticket includes all short talks, on-tap presentations and workshops.

Not booked your ticket yet? You can still do so, just click [here!](#)



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Workshop Timetable—Saturday

Group 1: 10.30am—11.15am

- ♦ Shauna Hicks **RESEARCHING IN AUSTRALIA**
- ♦ Stephen Poulter **FLESHING OUT THE CENSUS**
- ♦ Kelly Cornwell **TRACING YOUR TRANSPORTED CONVICT ANCESTORS IN TASMANIA**
- ♦ Dr Robert Schofield **THE FORGOTTEN RETURNS: THE 1851 RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL CENSUSES**
- ♦ Jane Harris and Helen Shields **FROM IDEA TO REALITY: LAUNCHING YOUR ONE-PLACE STUDY**
- ♦ Kerry Jones **COMING TO AUSTRALIA**
- ♦ Barbara Coakley **RESEARCH THE LOCATION FIRST**

Group 2: 11.45am—12.30pm

- ♦ Linda Hammond **MIND MAPPING IN GENEALOGY**
- ♦ Janice Smith **USING RESOURCES AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND**
- ♦ Jude Rhodes **THE USE OF FAMILY HISTORY IN DEMENTIA**
- ♦ Dr Nicholas Dixon **TRACING MERCHANT SEAMEN IN BRITAIN**
- ♦ Sarah Thompson-Fitch **USING THE CENSUS AND OTHER POPULATION LISTS IN FAMILY RESEARCH**
- ♦ David Cufley **ERRORS, LIES AND MISINFORMATION**

*Have you booked your workshop?
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included in your show ticket.*

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*Workshop details were in Bulletins 37 and 38—
[click](#) here to view copies.*

Group 3: 1.30pm—2.15pm

- ♦ Emma Jolly **FOOD AND FAMILY HISTORY**
- ♦ Paul Gaskell **PUBLISHED RESOURCES FOR FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY**
- ♦ Anthony Trice **HOW DO I START RESEARCHING MY FAMILY TREE?**
- ♦ Susan Atkins **1939 REGISTER AND NHS NUMBERS**
- ♦ Tony Sargeant and Yetunde Abiola **WERE THEY BORN ABROAD?**

Group 4: 2.45pm—3.30pm

- ♦ Ian Mooney **LIVERPOOL'S 'HOME CHILDREN'**
- ♦ Daniel Horowitz **A DEEPSTORY**
- ♦ Janet Few **MARGINALISED WOMEN: TRACING 'MISFORTUNATE' FEMALE ANCESTORS**
- ♦ Phil Coward **PERSONAL DIGITAL ARCHIVING**
- ♦ Malcolm Austen **WORKING WITH GENUKI**
- ♦ Janet Barrie and Anna Darelli-Anderson **BEYOND BASICS: ADVANCING YOUR ONE-PLACE STUDY**

Group 5: 4.00pm—4.45pm

- ♦ Debbie Bradley **WHERE CAN BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES LEAD YOUR RESEARCH?**
- ♦ Simon Davies **A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO CREATING A FAMILY'S ARCHIVE**
- ♦ Eva Kujawa **EASTERN EUROPEAN RESEARCH**
- ♦ Claire Bradley **IRISH ANCESTRY**
- ♦ Paul Gaskell **RESEARCH AT HOME USING YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY'S ONLINE RESOURCES**

Full details of [workshops on the website](#). [click link]



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Expert Presentations on tap!



LOOKING FOR ELIZABETH

An exercise in family reconstruction

Wayne Shephard

I thought that finding information about Elizabeth Couper would be a straightforward exercise. I would never have predicted the twists and turns we encountered as we sought to discover her origins and trace the important events of her life. We came to realize that, of the many stories we had been told over the years about her and her son, Alexander, a few contained a little truth while others contained a great deal of misinformation. The exercise was a learning process about how and where to search for Scottish records. We learned important lessons about the accuracy of records as well as the veracity of those who provided information to complete those documents.



THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT WAR REFLECTED IN THE 1921 CENSUS

Paul Nixon

Less than three years after the Armistice was signed in November 1918, the households of Great Britain were completing returns for the 1921 census. Britain was still in recovery after over four years of conflict and this is reflected in the 1921 census: unemployment, disabled former servicemen, widows, orphaned children and re-marriages. In this reflective talk, Paul will look at the stories behind the entries and, with the benefit of hindsight, will look at what happened next.



HOW TO WRITE A FAMILY HISTORY

Chris Lightfoot

I am the founder of *Beginners Guide to Writing*—a website specifically aimed at new and less experienced writers of nonfiction.

Although my website covers a wide range of topics, I also specialise in helping new and inexperienced writers get started writing their family histories. I am passionate about ensuring that years of family history research are not forgotten or lost and so, in addition to my family history blogs and workshops, I have also written and published a handbook called *How to Write Your Family History Piece by Piece*.



IT'S COMPLICATED...BUT REWARDING! NAVIGATING TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY FAMILY HISTORY

Ruth Graham

Join Ruth as she cuts through the complexity of how to do family history now. We will go from Ancestry to Zivilstandsregisters to uncover the meaning of how modern records and sources fit into our quest to add to our pedigrees and context of our families. Ruth will present some of the basics of the structure of the family history industry and stop us losing our minds, if not our passwords, as we embrace the technical innovations that have been game-changers for us as researchers. The talk will include topics covering: dilemmas in understanding how to do family history; family history and modern culture; start to make sense of it - elements for twenty-first century family history; framework: how to do family history now and roles for family history societies.



RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTORS BEFORE CIVIL REGISTRATION

Linda Hammond

Many people struggle with their research once they go back before the 1841 census and prior to the introduction of general registration in 1837. This talk looks to explore the range of records available to you before that time. Just because the usual sources, such as birth, marriage and death certificates and census returns are not available, does not mean all is lost! There are many more records that can help you find out more about your ancestors. Learn about the records themselves, where to find them and how to use them to advance your research.



More expert presentations on next page!

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AN INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGY

Penny Walters

Over forty million DNA tests have been sold across the world. People can spread their genealogy research across a number of DNA testing or data-merging sites to increase the likelihood of finding living relatives or ancestors. Data available in GEDmatch can often identify a third cousin or closer in ninety per cent of the population. An unexpected use of the data from DNA testing is that some information has been accessed by unknown parties. The practice of law enforcement uploading DNA from a crime scene, and subsequently utilising online trees and DNA, emerged during the case of the 'Golden State killer.' We will also discuss some of the ethical dilemmas of the super-sleuthing involved, the potential for agencies to increasingly access your tree, and the implications of the broader uses of DNA data. Do the ends justify the means?



DEATH CERTIFICATES AND CAUSES OF DEATH IN FAMILY HISTORY

David Church

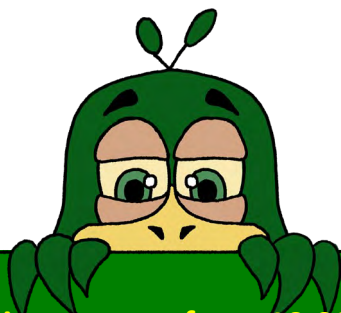
This talk examines the importance of using death certificates in family history research. More importantly, the presentation emphasises what the death certificate can tell us about our ancestors by confirming you have the correct person, identifying possible inherited diseases and what may have been happening in the community, as well as interpreting the causes of death shown.



NEWS NUGGETS: MASTERING THE NEW FIND MY PAST NEWSPAPER SEARCH

Chris Brake

In this talk, Chris will take you through the clever technology behind *Findmypast's* newspaper updates and tools, and offer insights into how these help you to discover your own colourful family stories, right there in black and white. Please note: this talk offers some advanced techniques, so would suit more experienced family history researchers. Chris Brake is *Findmypast's* Head of Data Products, responsible for data and core platform architecture products at *Findmypast*.



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Family History Research Aids from the Experts



Parish Chest, a service from the Family History Federation, has over sixty family history societies and some twenty-plus traders, at a one-stop online shop, offering a wide range of family history materials in some sixteen categories including:

- *Parish register transcriptions and more from local FHS*
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Family History Books (FHB) is an online bookshop and publisher; it is owned by the Family History Federation and run by volunteers to provide a service to the genealogical community.

New titles: There are several new titles in the pipeline for 2024, along with a revised and updated popular book which has been out-of-print for a couple of years. There are plans for digital downloads for some of the indispensable guides produced decades ago, but which still tell us who has what—very helpful to know what is where!

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