



Family History For You
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Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has responded to my request to confirm his or her wish to remain on this newsletter mailing list. If you have NOT confirmed or you are not confident that the person who sent you this newsletter will have confirmed then this is your chance to get your name added to the mailing list. The May newsletter notification email WILL NOT be sent to those who have not confirmed they wish to remain on the mailing list.

A surprisingly small number have replied, if I got your email then you will have received an acknowledgement, if you haven't, then I didn't receive your email.

If you have replied and received an acknowledgement then you don't need to do anything more.

Sadly amongst these emails, was a very negative email, suggesting the newsletter should be searchable [it always has been searchable]. That I double my workload and make this newsletter bi monthly, no, I have a life outside family history and a family to consider. It was also suggested I employ IT expert/s, I have done that on numerous occasions with the advise to stay with the wishes of the majority. Added to which why would I wanted to employ additional experts, who will need paying, when I currently have experts available for free. The last comment suggested changes which would make the newsletter non-user friendly to the visually impaired, they are challenged enough, I will NOT discriminate between peoples ability.

Please remember that what is user friendly to you may not be user friendly to another, and I wish that the newsletter is as user friendly to as many people as possible.

Another email requested help with a brick wall, but lacked detail, so I replied requesting a landline phone number [I will only phone landline numbers]. Following a phone conversation, I made a second phone call a couple of days later to share my very positive findings, some else answered [male], the requester for help was [female]. Anyway the male, said the female would be available that afternoon, I rang no answer!, I left a message, rang again and the male told me to give up resolving this brick wall before hanging up on me. I had agreed to do a search to see if this brick wall was breakable, it was, I had the answers to both questions as to who were the grandparents [I had all 4], it took me about 30 mins to an hour. Why am I telling you all this, because it is the second time recently it has happened to me and from now on if I have your address, or can find it, I will be charging you for my wasted time.

A couple of websites that are worth reminding you of in case you are not aware of them.

<http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/index.html> for Wills in Oxfordshire [part of the Oxford Family History Society]

Looking for an obituary or death notice then www.iannounce.co.uk is always worth a try.

How many of you use Wills as a source of information, they really are quite interesting and can tell you a bit about the family.

Recently the following snippets from Wills was shared with me

"To my only son, who never would follow my advice, and has treated me rudely in many circumstances, I give him nothing." Richard Crashaw, 1810.

Clearly Father and son did not get along too well. The next snippet, not only suggests that husband and wife didn't always agree, but that he was an honest man and stood by his wife despite her accusations against him.

"I give to Elizabeth Parker the sum of £50.00, whom, through my foolish fondness, I made my wife; and who in return has not spared, most unjustly, to accuse me of every crime regarding human nature, save highway-robbery." Charles Parker, 1785.

Ah yes, a wife who liked to enjoy an alcoholic drink too many.

"I do give and bequeath to Mary Davis the sum of five shillings, which is sufficient to enable her to get drunk for the last time at my expense." David Davis, 1788.

Here is another story, clearly William Darley not only knew that Mary was helping herself to money from his pocket but was also adding it up.

"I give unto my wife Mary Darley, for picking my pocket of 60 guineas, and taking up money in my name, the sum of one shilling." William Darley, 1794.

The last I have at the moment of these snippets relates to 'Samuel Baldwin' who managed to get revenge on his wife by being buried at Sea in 1737, his wife having promised to dance on his grave if she outlived him!

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I am sure many of us can relate to this poem.

The Genealogical widower

Does 'your' wife spend her life in a library? Is her nose always deep in a book?
Serving leftovers, late, for your luncheon, can she no longer be bothered to cook?
Does she seek an affair with the postman? Do your overtures meet with riposte?
It's not for his visits she's yearning but the letters of love in the post.
Can you no longer enter your study? Does the desk overflow to the floor?
With details that beg comprehension of persons obscure and of yore.
And does she incessantly babble about things you don't give a toss
Of a long dead illiterate Auntie who witnessed a Will with a cross.
Well! you've had it! I might as well tell you, usurped and degraded like me
A genealogical widower you take second place to a tree.
No! I don't mean a gum or a wattle of chainsaws it taketh no heed
It's a kind of ancestral pyramid extolling man's penchant to breed.
I'm forming an organisation for dissidents folks such as I
Whose spouses have left them to follow the all-seeing God. IGI.
What's that dear? Related to convicts? Gt Grandad was on the first fleet?
His son the first Mayor of Bunyip and one of the nation's Elite?
His ancestors crossed with the Conquest I'm related to Dukes by the score?
It's amazing this family history Incredible! Do tell me more.

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I received this wonderful story from Margaret, about her great great Grandmother.

One of my great-great grandmothers on my mother's side came from Kirkwall in Orkney. Her name was Elizabeth (Betsy) Angus & she had no fewer than three illegitimate children, all by different fathers. Her eldest child, a daughter called Mary, was my great grandmother and was given the surname Sinclair, after her father. A baptism record indicates that her father's first name was Charles, although she put his first name as John on her marriage certificate. My cousin and I believe that was because she was living with her uncle John at the time - having come south to County Durham with his family in her teens to work as a servant for them - and did not know her father's first name. (However, I found a family living in Kirkwall at the time of her conception which had two brothers, Charles and John, both around Betsy's age, and I wonder if she had a romp with both of them and was never quite sure which was the father!)

Betsy came from a seemingly respectable family, living in Wellington Street, Kirkwall and her father was a joiner/cabinet maker. She must have been a considerable embarrassment to her parents! Mary was born sometime between September 1846 and February 1847 (evidence from marriage and death certificates) and in the 1850s Betsy moved to Dundee where 2 of her brothers lived and went on to have her second illegitimate child, Johann or Joanna, in 1855, who was given her father's surname of Small. Her father would appear to be Alexander Small, a married man who lived and worked in a school.

Betsy and her second daughter returned to Kirkwall to live with her long-suffering parents and in 1862 she gave birth to her third child, father unknown, but it was born dead and she also died. Johann was brought up by her grandparents. (By 1861, Mary was living with her uncle's family).

Mary married my great grandfather in Sunderland, Durham and one of her children was my maternal grandfather. I was given the surname Sinclair as my middle name and my mother told me that I was named after her grandmother. I just assumed that this must be because my mother had been close to this grandmother, but once I started researching my family history I realised that Mary Sinclair died in 1908 and my mother was not born until 1916, so she never knew her. So why was I named after her? I have a theory that her exact birth date (which we have never found) may be exactly 100 years prior to mine, but that theory will never be proved, as anyone who might know is now dead.

Kirkwall would have been a very small place in the mid 19th century and Betsy must have been rather notorious!

Many thanks, Margaret for a really interesting story.

Grateful thanks to Judith for reminding me of this powerful website www.digitalpanopticon.org to research convicts, records including trail records, post trail and sentencing records, transportation record, and imprisonment records.

Hopefully you will find these records as helpful as Judith and I have.

There are many YouTube videos available for numerous aspects of genealogical research.

Some of you might recall that in previous newsletters I have mentioned 'The Family History Researcher Academy'. Did you know they offer free videos tutorials, the latest is a mini-course for those searching for English or Welsh ancestors, have a look at the website www.familyhistoryresearcher.com/free-video-course you will also find downloadable .pdf files all compiled by Nick Thorne aka as 'The Nosey Genealogist'

Liz Woolley and her team of volunteers have researched the '66 Men of Grandpont' who died during the 1914-1918 war, the Grandpont Men are remembered on the War Memorial in St Matthews Church in Oxford.

Have a look at the website

www.southoxford.org/local-history-in-south-oxford/66-men-of-grandpont-1914-18 for more information.

Do you have Rock Island County, America, research? If you do then you might be interested to know that the indexes of births 1872-1941, marriages 1832-1966 and deaths 1878-1996 are now searchable online.

www.rockislandcounty.org/GenealogySearch.aspx?id=41175

I am really grateful to Dennis for another article for this newsletter. Dennis writes:-

"Ann IZZARD

Witchcraft ceased to be a statutory offence in 1736.

In 1808 Ann IZZARD was persecuted by some of Great Paxton's 225 inhabitants, as a Witch. Ann was baptised in 1765 daughter of James + Mary ROWE (ROE) and married Wright IZZARD in 1780, they had 8 children, 5 living in 1808.

In the village a number of incidents occurred; Thomas RUSSEL aged 70 died of a fit, 6 yr. old James STAUGHTON drowned in the village pond; in Feb. 1808 Alice BROWN and Fanny AMEY both fell thro' the river ice, survived but suffered fits as did a Mary FOX. Three days later 14 yr. old Robt. EMERY hanged himself; On 5th May 1808 a cart on which Ann IZZARD was riding with others overturned at the bottom of Paxton Hill.

After this last incident villagers broke into the IZZARD cottage, held Wright IZZARD and dragged Ann from her bed, beat her and stuck pins in her and accused her of Witchcraft.

Ann IZZARD later fled to Little Paxton and thence to St. Neots. Wright IZZARD was later found drowned.

The accusation of Witchcraft against Ann were never quite forgotten. A legend arose and used to frighten naughty children, that on moonlight nights 'Nanny' IZZARD would fly over whilst 'riding her broomstick'.

Some villagers' later received just 1 month in gaol for persecution of Ann Izzard."

Have you come across Wizards and or Witches in your family, maybe someone you are researching has been affected by 'witchcraft'? a follow on story to this would be appreciated.

ScotlandsPeople have added the 1935 Valuation Rolls, the 1939 register for Scotland remains unavailable online. The link will take you to more information:-

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/article/news-valuation-rolls-1935-go-online

Just as a reminder, Irish Regiments of the British Army is online the link is

www.nam.ac.uk/soldiers-records/persons

Several people have asked recently if it is possible to obtain Army service records, generally speaking yes, depending on time period, relationship and if they have survived. Remember if your ancestor stayed in service after WW1 or rejoined they may not appear in the index on ancestry at:-

http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=61448&cj=1&sid=discharge&o_xid=0001793701&o_li d=0001793701&o_sch=Affiliate+External

At a cost of just £30 you might be able to obtain a service file from the MOD, there used to be VERY long delays in replies, but I got my Dad's after a few months, so you will need to be patience.

'Why' a little word but often used, in this case to answer several queries all, pertaining to subscription sites.

Generally speaking genealogical information is purchased /obtained from a variety of sources, such as museums, genealogy societies, government agencies, religious groups, etc.. In nearly all cases the information is obtained under contract, stating very specifically what is provided, how it can be used, and will often have an expiry date [often 2 years, 3 years or 5 years] after the date the contract was signed.

An example of this is census records, they first appeared on one site and then a few years later the records appeared on another site. In the case of census records, most, if not all the main sites, have had to redo all the scanning and indexing themselves, that explains why there is a difference not just in image quality but also the index itself. Sometimes, when a contract expires, it is renewed solely with the previous contractual party, with joint parties, or even a total change of contractual party, in which case it will vanish off the original site and appear on a new one. The supplier may even decide that they could make more by releasing the information themselves, it might then disappear while they set up a method to sell it on their own web site.

Remember every contract negotiation is different, it is not unusual for the parties to agree to disagree. Once a contract ends, if not renewed, the web site provider legally must remove the information from their web site, and you, the subscriber, is unlikely to be advised of this until finding the information isn't there when you wish to use it.

Don't forget if it is valuable information to you, either save it to your computer, or take a screen shot and save it to your computer, but do be aware of any copyright conditions as to how you save it, if you do.

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I have in the past talked extremely highly of the Rootsweb mailing lists, sadly the messages posted are declining as people move over to Facebook, Twitter and other social networks. For years and years Rootsweb was the place to go, it was packed to the gunnels with records, resources and mailing list. In June 2000 it was sold to Ancestry, who have allowed it to decline, just after the last newsletter was published I came across this official message from RootsWeb:-

"In an ongoing effort to focus RootsWeb resources on World Connect, Mailing Lists and hosted sites such as Free Pages, we are retiring features that are not heavily used and have not been maintained over the years.

On Nov 6th, we will be retiring Surname Helper (<http://surhelp.rootsweb.ancestry.com>)

Thanks you for your support and patience as we work at improving RootsWeb."

Ancestry have over the years been 'killing off' the sections of they consider to be non profitable. You might for example remember genealogy.com, the more recent headliner on was 'Family Tree Maker', although this was sold to another company.

It was been suggested that Ancestry [Rootsweb] are allowing sections to decline until non profitable to update when they are removed.

Remember to keep your data backed up on YOUR computer, don't rely on websites, cloud storage or A.N.Other, stay in control of your research, yourself.

Personally I have already found another website with a great forum, whose forumites have a wealth of genealogical knowledge, the only down part is that the forum is part of TheGenealogist which is a subscription site.

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As always grateful thanks to the folks at TheGenealogist for this announcement.

"TheGenealogist has added over 140,000 individuals to their Parish Records for Worcestershire and Warwickshire to increase the coverage of these midland counties.

Released in association with Malvern Family History Society and the Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society, this is an ongoing project to make available high quality transcripts to family history researchers.

97,841 individuals have been added to the Worcestershire baptism records

44,250 individuals join the Warwickshire baptism records

These new records can be used to find your ancestors' baptisms, in fully searchable records that cover parishes from this area of England. With records that reach back to the mid 16th century, this release allows family historians to find the names of ancestors, their parents' forenames, the father's occupation (where noted), and the parish that the event took place at.

This is an ongoing project where family history societies transcribe records for their areas to be released on both TheGenealogist and FHS-Online, the website that brings together data from various Family History Societies across the UK while providing a much needed extra source of funds for societies."

These new records are available as part of the Diamond Subscription at TheGenealogist.

Tackley Local History Group have a new website, this group have explored the past of the village and the people who have lived and worked in and around it from 12,000 BC to the 20th century. Including publishing books covering the history of the village. Further information about the group's activities please take a look at their website www.tackleyhistory.org.uk

DNA, a subject that I generally steer clear of because primarily I am not 100% sure of the process used to say you are xx% a viking! a subject I have written about in the past.

Now another question, yes your DNA sample could be used in a criminal investigation, that DOES NOT mean you are the subject but activities of a family member or other relative might be.

An article on the website www.kiro7.com/news/local/your-genealogy-research-could-land-your-dna-in-a-criminal-investigation/641099598 suggests that the police could have access to your DNA profile.

Read the small print before sending off your DNA sample so that you are aware of any possible consciences.

Family history is not the cheapest of hobbies, but I am still hearing of people buying items when they are either free online or available via a subscription site/s. Wills are a prime example of this, you could buy a Will from the TNA [The National Archives] website but you could likewise possibly find the Will available free on another website.

Rumours have been around for some time pertaining to the 2021 census and it continues to look as it being the last conventional census as many of us perceive. Reports are appearing that the Office for National Statistics have been experimenting with the use of mobile phone data to replace traditional census questions about commuting.

Could census use for family historians in the future be changing www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-41899723

The British Sephardi Jewish community have launched a genealogy service to help descendants of Jews who fled the Spanish Inquisition 500 years ago. You can read more here in an article in the 'Times of Israel' web site at: <http://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/sephardi-community-launches-genealogy-service/>

Ancestry have added the options to share or not share DNA information, to find out more and to read Ancestry's announcement please go to the link, <http://ancestry.me/2A5suyF>

Are you aware of the genealogical honour code on Wikitree?

From wikitree

"Our Honor Code

- I. We collaborate. When we share ancestors we work together on the same ancestor.
- II. We care about accuracy. We're always aiming to improve upon our worldwide family tree and fix mistakes.
- III. We know mistakes are inevitable. We don't want to be afraid to make them. We assume that mistakes are unintentional when others make them and ask for the same understanding.
- IV. We know misunderstandings are inevitable. We try to minimize them by being courteous www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Courtesy to everyone, even those who don't act accordingly.
- V. We respect privacy. We privacy-protect www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Privacy anything we think our family members might not want public. If that's not enough for someone, we delete their personal information.
- VI. We respect copyrights. We don't knowingly copy information that's owned by someone else. If we ourselves want to preserve a copyright, we're clear about what's copyrighted so others don't accidentally copy it.
- VII. We give credit. Although most genealogy isn't copyrighted, researchers deserve credit for the work they've done.
- VIII. We cite sources. Without sources we can't objectively resolve conflicting information.
- VIII. We are united in a mission to increase the world's common store of knowledge. We always respect copyrights and privacy, but we keep information as free and open as possible."

To read it for yourself or to check any of the additional links please go to.

www.wikitree.com/wiki/Special:Honor_Code

Regular readers know I have a soft spot for those affected by adoption or orphaned, therefore I can not help but to highlight the remarkable story of Mrs Webber.

Mrs Webber was sent to live with her Aunt after she was orphaned at just 7 years old, now after over 80 years Mrs Webber has her 'lost' family back.

Read the story here www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-41928277

War Memorials are a super source for information

TheGenealogist has added a further 15,000 names from 53 new War Memorials, bringing the total to over 383,000 fully searchable records. A more unusual one added in this release is from Olds, in Alberta, Canada - the memorial is a Sherman tank!

Lichfield Record Office closed to the public on 1 January 2018, archive collections are being transferred to Stafford. It has been stated that some of these records will be 'outstored' and therefore need ordering 48 hours in advance. The collections should be available during May 2018

For further details the contact links are:-

Staffordshire Record Office, Eastgate Street, Stafford, ST16 2LZ Tel: 01785 278370

Email:- staffordshire.archives@staffordshire.gov.uk

Catalogue:- www.archives.staffordshire.gov.uk

Website:- www.staffordshire.gov.uk/archives

Have you ever considered 'intersex' as a third option to Male and female? In Germany a court has said there must be that third option.

Here are a few links to this subject that you might enjoy reading
www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-41912754

www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/germany-third-gender-male-female-intersex-court-parliament-bundesverfassungsgericht-berlin-lgbt-a8043261.html

www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-39780214

www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38730291

www.nytimes.com/2017/05/04/world/europe/neutral-sex-gender-france.html

This is a controversial subject so I shall leave you to decide what you think should be right.

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We are having a flurry of interesting snippets found on the internet or on the news.

This is lovely, a surrogate mother in California who gave birth to twins, has since found out that one of the babies was her own child. This unusual story can be read here:- www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-41858232

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One of the oldest [I think] collections in the State Archives of North Carolina is 'The Brimley Collection' [photographs of aspects of life in the state between late 19th and mid 20th century].

Visit the collection here <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/brimley-photographs>

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Are you researching in Oxfordshire? Then you will possibly be pleased to read that FindMyPast have started scanning and indexing Roman Catholic parish registers, including baptisms, marriages and burials. Parishes which I believe are included:-

- Banbury
- Bicester
- Hethe with Adderbury
- Heythrop
- Kidlington
- Radford
- Stonor
- Tusmore

Date ranges for parishes are not necessarily continuous; details of coverage are at:
www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/england-roman-catholic-baptisms-parish-list

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MyHeritage has added New York Newspapers 1806–2007, and the New York Marriage License Index, 1908–1929 to their database of over 8.3 billion names.

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Since the middle of December patrons have had to sign into FamilySearch before you can search their billions of free records from around the world. Registration is free, FamilySearch claims that it does not share your personal account information with any third party without your consent, their statement reads "FamilySearch is committed to patron privacy and does not share personal account information with any third party without a patron's consent".

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Do you have Irish ancestors who were in the Army? Then this website could be the website you are looking for, www.nam.ac.uk/soldiers-records/persons

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My Heritage has added many Ellis Island and other New York passenger lists to their site. The collection, spanning 1820-1957, has some 90 million records of immigrants to the United States, including those entering the United States as refugees during the First and Second World Wars. For the full press release, go to <https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/11/new-online-ellis-island-and-other-new-york-passenger-lists/>.

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Many of you use the research collections at "The Keep" in Sussex but are you aware that you now have to pay a car park charge of £2.50 a day that was introduced on Friday 1st December 2017.

If you haven't used this great Sussex resource, then their address is The Keep, Woollards Way, Brighton, BN1 9BP, UK.

Their opening hours are:-

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm

Wednesday: 9.30am – 5pm

Thursday: 9.30am – 5pm

Friday: 9.30am – 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 4pm

The Reading Room is generally closed 1-2pm

For further information the website is www.thekeep.info/help-2/keep-leaflets-guidance-notes/

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Many of you, maybe even most of you will have used FreeCen, FreeReg and FreeBMD at sometime. You will I am sure have wondered why a website is running slower than expected so I thought I would share with you a few statistics.

FreeCEN2 has had 400-500 consistent daily users:

59% of people visit us in UK and 35% in US.

Desktop users account for 66% of traffic

21% use a tablet and 13% on mobiles

They advise that they will be continuing to take notice of feedback and make refinements, and fix bugs in the website.

FreeREG has had 1800-2300 daily users:

53% in the UK, 41% in the US.

82% desktop, 13% tablet and 4% mobile.

The iPad is the most popular tablet/mobile device at 51%.

It is expected that volunteers will continue working on images to improve matters including introducing new colours.

FreeBMD has 11-15 thousand daily users:

Sunday was the most popular day

59% users were based in UK with 36% in the US

40% use Chrome to browse.

Estimated 12% of users accessed the site on mobile devices, interestingly *including Nintendo WiiU!*

Over the next few months there is a plan to expand their technical volunteer team, to support the future development of FreeBMD and continue working on getting post-1983 GRO information transcribed.

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If I got a penny every time I said "keep your ears and eyes open" or "use any spare time to search the news websites" I'd be wealthy now. I don't buy newspapers I use the internet, so it isn't going to cost you anything because if you are reading this then you already have internet.

On the 4th November 'The Times' published an article on devastating legal fees. Following the death of their father Paul Cutler and his sister Maria Hillman found out that that their father had appointed a solicitor, as executor of his will. In this case the crippling fees amounted to £115,000 of the £300,000 estate!

You can read the article here:- www.thetimes.co.uk/article/estates-devastated-by-legal-fees-tvnrrpp378

After the last newsletter went out I found this article in the Edinburgh Evening News which was published on 11th October 2017 www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/crime/edinburgh-man-admits-faking-his-relatives-multi-million-pound-will-1-4584367

The article tells of how a man faked a relatives' Will, because he didn't agree that the money should go to a charity.

If you have a story to tell please do share, it would be lovely to read and share your news or that eureka moment on finding a new fact.

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The observant amongst you, will be aware that FindMyPast have made a few changes within the subscriptions available.

The following are from notifications I have received:-

*1 month subscriptions now include 1939 Register - Findmypast.co.uk update subscription tiers
This latest newsletter includes news today of a change to Findmypast's subscription tiers and great news to those of you who like to only sign up monthly as for the first time the 1939 Register is now available to 1 month subscribers on select packages*

Also

*Findmypast is now offering customers in the UK the opportunity to sign up to three new package tiers and the *1939 Register enters new UK monthly packages with the Plus and Pro tier!*

All three options, Starter, Plus and Pro, aim to simplify Findmypast's offerings for the UK market and have been specifically tailored to family historians. Whether they are looking for a simple way to begin exploring their family history, to take existing research further or to uncover detailed facts about the lives of their ancestors, customers will be provided with access to the records they truly need at each stage of their research.

The 1939 Register is now available to monthly subscribers for the first time, as both "Plus" and "Pro" subscriptions include unlimited access to the wartime "census". This essential resource, only available online through Findmypast, plugs a vital 30-year gap in British records and is the only surviving record of the civilian population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951.

The new subscription options include:

- *A Starter package to help beginners on their journey* □

For beginners, the Starter package offers the simplicity of starting with essential census and BMD (birth, marriages and death) records, and includes full access to Findmypast's family tree hinting system, allowing users to quickly trace their family's story back to 1837. As it's designed specifically for beginners, the package also includes Findmypast's search functionality, support content, live chat and

instant help - and all new subscribers will receive a free Getting Started guide. Monthly/annual prices: £8.95/£72. NOTE for clarity: This tier DOES NOT include the 1939 Register.

• A Plus package with 1939 and all the essentials for the keen hobbyist. □

The Plus package is designed for those wanting to take their research to the next level. Which is why, for the first time, Findmypast has included the 1939 Register in a monthly subscription. This unique record set will now be available to even more members of the genealogy community, enabling more people than ever before to discover their civilian ancestors in England and Wales at the start of World War 2. Beyond the 1939 Register, all parish, military, education, institutions and social history records as well as all electoral registers, directories, and travel and migration records will help Plus subscribers delve deep into their family trees. Monthly/annual prices: £12.95/£120.

• A Pro package to bring the serious genealogist's research to life □

The Pro package contains everything the serious or professional genealogist needs to explore the lives of their ancestors in detail. From access to the largest online collection of British and Irish newspapers in the world to all of Findmypast's global record sets and advanced resources such as PERSI, this package contains all a researcher needs to bring their ancestors' stories to life. And with priority customer support, exclusive Webinars and advanced education aimed at experienced genealogists, Findmypast will help Pro subscribers expand their research every step of the way. Monthly/annual prices: £15.95/£156. This is the first time that the 1939 Register has become available to monthly subscribers.

BE AWARE:- Findmypast now operate a geolocation service that prevents users from other territories accessing another territories site. Simply put, you have to be in the UK to benefit from the new UK subscription tiers.

I think that for those who have previously used Findmypast the Plus Tier is the new 'Britain' subscription with added 1939 Register for monthly subscriptions, minus newspapers, and the Pro tier is now the new 'World' subscription with 1939 for 1 month subscribers. Newspapers are now exclusive to and only available for subscribers signing up to the Pro tier.

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From TheGenealogist a press release, their statement reads:-

"The 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Records with annotated maps

TheGenealogist is releasing the first part of an exciting new record set; The Lloyd George Domesday Survey - a major new release that will find where an ancestor lived in 1910. This unique combination of maps and residential data, held by The National Archives, can precisely locate your ancestor's house on large scale (5 feet to the mile) hand annotated maps of London that plots the exact property.



Geo Bone a Coroner's Officer lived at 12 Kennett Road in 1910.

The area has now been redeveloped and the road name reused further north in a new realigned thoroughfare.

Researchers often can't find where ancestors lived as road names change over time, the Blitz bombing areas to destruction, developers changing sites out of all resemblance from what had stood there before, lanes and roads extinguished to build estates and office blocks. All this means that searching for where an ancestor lived using a website linked to modern maps can be frustrating when they fail to pinpoint where the old properties had once been.

The National Archives issued the following statement:-

“The Lloyd George ‘Domesday Records’ form essentially a census of property for Edwardian England and Wales. The innovative linking of individually searchable property data with associated annotated Ordnance Survey maps will be of huge value to family and local historians alike.”

To find out more about these records, visit our record informative page at TheGenealogist.co.uk/1910Survey/

About TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist is an award-winning online family history website, who put a wealth of information at the fingertips of family historians. Their approach is to bring hard to use physical records to life online with easy to use interfaces such as their Tithe and newly released Lloyd George Domesday collections.

TheGenealogist's innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. TheGenealogist is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

TheGenealogist uses the latest technology to help you bring your family history to life. Use TheGenealogist to find your ancestors today!

About The National Archives

The National Archives is one of the world's most valuable resources for research and an independent research organisation in its own right. As the official archive and publisher for the UK government, and England and Wales they are the guardians of some of the UK's most iconic national documents, dating back over 1,000 years. Their role is to collect and secure the future of the government record, both digital and physical, to preserve it for generations to come, and to make it as accessible and available as possible. The National Archives brings together the skills and specialisms needed to conserve some of the oldest historic documents as well as leading digital archive practices to manage and preserve government information past, present and future.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

I have said it before, and I am saying it again, because many scan read and therefore miss information, if you have a spare few minutes don't waste it, use it to search the internet, and you'll find wonderful stories like this one, which I am leaving you to go and read for yourself, you will regret not reading it.

www.tribtown.com/2017/11/19/ml-israel-holocaust-reunion

Just a reminder about Online Genealogical Index, an easy to use website, enter the country, county, town and approximate year, to check the index of about 370,00 online data sets please go to <http://ogindex.org/>

At long last reports are emerging that the 1901 and 1911 census for Ireland are to be updated, rumours had stated that corrections had disappeared in the 'Black Hole'. Now John Grenham, working with National Archives of Ireland is said to be in the process of updating and by the time you are reading this they will already have started to go online. To stay updated try this website

www.johngrenham.com/blog/2017/11/20/census-correcting/

Wills are a very valuable source of information, the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry are available www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-will-calendars I believe they cover the time period Armagh 1858-1918, Belfast 1858-1909 and Londonderry 1858-1899.

Following on from other comments in this newsletter, don't dismiss a source because you think it unlikely to be of interest.

You would like to think the lawyers were honest, truthful and trustworthy but sadly they are not all, and some waste time by careless typing errors. The latter, was very prominent when sorting my late Mothers estate, the solicitor made 9 typing errors in ONE letter, and ended with his comment "would complete when he had heard from my mother and I", yes you read that correctly.

In the Law Gazette there is a report of a solicitor who stole about £370,000 from an elderly client who had left the money to charity has been struck off. To read about this go to www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/trusted-solicitor-defrauded-elderly-clients-of-370k/5063330.article

Another article on the matter appears here www.macclesfield-express.co.uk/news/local-news/solicitor-jailed-stealing-370k-elderly-11136387

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If you have research interests in an area that I rarely if ever cover please let me know, then if I pick up on something I can add it to the newsletter.

Quite a few readers have family history interests in South Africa so this is for you.

British 1820 settlers to South Africa the website covers a variety of information and is maintained by Paul Tanner-Tremaine web address is www.1820settlers.com/

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Don't forget <https://curiousfox.com/> for tracking relative and fellow family historian.

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The Catholic registers for Cincinnati & Chicago dioceses have gone online with FindMyPast, and join the Catholic records from England and the US which are already online with findMyPast.

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Recently discovered this website which has lots to offer hopefully for anyone researching Newfoundland here is the link www.ngb.chebucto.org

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Don't forget to go back and re check the 1939 Register, particularly as more and more closed records are being opened, some of the more recently redacted records released cover deaths after 1991.

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For those interested in Publicans, Breweries and licensed victuallers, have a look at this website you might find it helpful,

www.genguide.co.uk/source/publican-brewery-and-licensed-victuallers-records-occupations/127/

The main index can be found here www.genguide.co.uk/sitemap/

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A quick reminder of this site UKBMD www.ukbmd.org.uk/reg/

Don't forget www.ukmfh.org.uk/ UK Military family History and www.ukgdl.org.uk/ UK Genealogical Directories and lists

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This interesting story appeared in the news during December did you see it?

www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-42256465

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An interesting website covering the railways and their stations, a very useful resource

www.railmaponline.com/UKIEMap.php

Linked to this site is another very useful page covering Canals www.railmaponline.com/Canals.php

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More news from TheGenealogist, they have added BT27 Passenger Lists for the 1930s decade. From their press release, "



Queen Mary on her maiden voyage 1936; from TheGenealogist's Image Archive

TheGenealogist has just released over 2.7 million BT27 records for the 1930s. These Outbound Passenger Lists are part of an expanding immigration and emigration record set on TheGenealogist that feature the historical records of passengers who sailed out of United Kingdom ports in the years between 1930 and 1939. With the release of this decade of records, the already strong Immigration, Emigration, Naturalisation and passenger list resources on TheGenealogist have been expanded again.

The fully searchable BT27 records from The National Archives released today will allow researchers to:

Discover potential family members travelling together using TheGenealogist's SmartSearch. This unique system is able to recognise family members together on the same voyage. In this situation it will display a family icon which allows you to view the entire family with one click.

Find people travelling to America, Canada, India, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere in the Passenger lists of people departing by sea from the United Kingdom.

View images of the original passenger list documents that had been kept by the Board of Trade's Commercial and Statistical Department and its successors.

Discover the ages, last address and where the passenger intended to make their permanent residence.

These fully indexed records allow family historians to search by name, year, country of departure, country of arrival, port of embarkation and port of destination.

Those with ancestors who sailed from Britain in the 1930's will welcome this fascinating new release from TheGenealogist which adds to their current Emigration records, now totalling over 19 million and dating back to 1896.

See our article: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/passenger-lists-from-the-1930s-record-the-voyages-of-our-ancestors-699/> "

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I don't do housework

I don't do windows because.....

I love birds and I don't want one to run into a clean window and get hurt

I don't wax floors because.....

I am terrified someone may slip and get hurt and then I'll feel terrible

I don't mind the dust bunnies because.....

they are very good company, I have named most of them, and they agree with everything I say

I don't disturb cobwebs because.....

I want every creature to have a home of their own

I don't Spring Clean because.....

I love all the seasons and don't want the others to get jealous

I don't pull weeds in the garden because.....

I don't want to get in God's way HE is an excellent designer!

I don't put things away because.....

My husband will never be able to find them again

I don't do gourmet meals when I entertain because.....

I don't want my guests to stress out what to make when they invite me back

I don't do ironing because.....

I choose to believe them when they say permanent press

I don't stress much on anything because.....

"A type " personalities die young and I want to stick around and become a crusty ol' woman

After all I have still that family tree to complete

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In December FamilySearch made a few changes, at the time of writing they are still having the unfortunate side effect of causing Ancestral Quest's ability to suggest 'Standardized Place Names' to fail. The upgrade was to make the programme more compatible to FamilySearch according to information I have received.

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Findmypast has released a brand new collection for tracing immigrants from the Britain and Ireland and North America.

The new British and Irish Roots collection of over 98 million assorted records (passenger lists, census records, naturalization applications and draft registrations, as well as birth, marriage, and death records) hand-picked from existing collections allows researchers to search a wide variety of records spanning more than 400 years of migration between the British Isles and North America, all in one place. for full details go to <https://blog.findmypast.co.uk/introducing-the-british-and-irish-roots-collection-2517112620.html> .

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Continuing with websites an interesting history relating to the armed forces on Dartmoor from the Ministry of Defence

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/33309/armed_forces_ondartmoor_brief_history.pdf

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This could be of interest if you have research in Ireland. 19th-century editions of the Church of Ireland Gazette are now available at the Online Church of Ireland Gazette

www.irishgenealogynews.com/2018/01/c19th-editions-join-online-church-of.html

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How much did your ancestors earn? Gregory Clark, Professor of Economics at the University of California, Davis has a good website covering the period 1150-1914. Here is the link for you <http://faculty.econ.ucdavis.edu/faculty/gclark/data.html>

Very interesting to see what the average wage would have been for craftsmen, and how it changed or didn't change over the generations.

TheGenealogist have added over 1.9 million individuals to its parish record collection covering the county of Sussex. These were published in association with The Parish Record Transcription Society, this is the second release of records for Sussex, and more than double the number of parish records in the first release.

They say:-

"TheGenealogist now has over 3 million individuals in the Sussex Parish Record Collection.

The new batch covers individual records of:

1,278,413 Baptisms
308,746 Marriages
327,091 Burials

The Parish Record Transcription Society (PRTSoc) have worked with TheGenealogist and S&N to make their records available online. With a combined 3 million plus individuals from baptism, marriage and burial records now fully searchable it is easier than ever to discover ancestors from Sussex by turning to TheGenealogist's parish records collection.

These records are published as a result of a major project undertaken by PRTSoc staff and dedicated volunteers to transcribe the parish registers of West Sussex with the aim of preserving them for generations to come. By working with TheGenealogist these are now also searchable by online researchers on TheGenealogist.

This release joins TheGenealogist's Sussex collection including parish records to form a major resource for the county.

Read their article here:

www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/new-release-of-sussex-parish-records-reveals-709/

Findmypast have announced a 2 year program to digitise over 12 million pages from Trinity Mirror group, the largest national and regional news publisher in the UK. Their current publications include The Daily Mirror as well as The Sunday Mirror and People, The Scottish Sunday Mail and The Daily Record. The two-year program builds on an existing partnership that has already resulted in the digitization and online publication of upwards of 160 Trinity Mirror titles.

For full details go to:-

<https://blog.findmypast.co.uk/findmypast-announces-plans-to-publish-trinity-mirror-archive-2509957530.html>

There has been recently quite a bit of discussion on the subject of 'Genealogical Proof Standard', something that some people appeared to be oblivious of!

So I thought I should raise the subject of the 'Genealogical Proof Standard' here, to read for yourself the link is https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogical_Proof_Standard

There are five main items:-

A reasonably exhaustive search.

Complete and accurate source citations.

Analysis and correlation of the collected information.

Resolution of any conflicting evidence.
A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

It all sounds off putting but don't be, my personal attitude is yes there is a good reason for a 'Genealogical Proof Standard' but what is reasonable. My own personal translation of these five items are:-

A reasonably exhaustive search - a search wide enough that you hope haven't and don't miss the people you're looking for, and you are satisfied that you have done all that is reasonably possible within your capability.

Complete and accurate source recording - Record in as much detail where you got your information, remember if someone was new to research or who comes from another country with a different culture, might interpret your records in a different way. If you haven't heard one of my talks with include this please see my handout from the talk I gave at WDYTYA Live 2017 aka Who Do You Think You Are [Don't forget no WDYTYA Live in 2018]
www.roccoland.plus.com/FH4U/HandoutWDYTYA2017Talk.pdf

Analysis and correlation of the collected information - examine your sources individually AND as a group, when every thing is looked at as a whole you could see a different picture

Resolution of any conflicting evidence - Work with fellow historians in an attempt to try to figure out why information might not agree, have you transcribed 3 as an 8 or vice a versa, Don't forget some people lied making themselves older to get into the Army, whilst others recorded ages younger to avoid the Army [that is just one example, there are many].

A soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion - Write up your reasoning in detail, why did you conclude you did? Include your notes they often are important when further evidence comes to light.

That wasn't as bad as you feared, was it? Remember to use original records as much as possible, that said transcripts do have a place, checking them can save a long journey to a record office, an over night stay, the list goes on.

So what could happen if you do NOT follow this guide:-
A narrow search may not find the record you are looking for, not searching variant spellings for example.

Don't take shared information as fact until you have proved it, even if it is from your own parents, my mother was forever giving me false information for as she said "I wanted to see how long it would take you to find out"!!!

Transcript errors, we are all human after all, don't assume that someone has not made an error, check the original.

Remember for many this is a hobby, enjoy the hobby by doing your best, ask if you need guidance, read articles, attend family history society meetings, are just a couple of suggestions. There are allsorts of guides available if you meet a problem search the internet, you might be surprised at what can be found, even Youtube has video guides.

Here are a few websites, which take this subject a little further.

<https://michaelhait.wordpress.com/2011/09/23/but-we-need-ee/>

www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-17-evidence-analysis-process-map

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/

www.genguide.co.uk/

The Society of Genealogists have:- Hints & Tips Five: Standards and Good Practice in Genealogy

www.sog.org.uk/learn/education-sub-page-for-testing-navigation/hints-tips-six-standards-and-good-practice-in-genealogy

National Genealogical Society Guidelines [USA] www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ngs_guidelines

The Voice of America web site has an interesting article about the online memorials left by recently deceased computer users. The article called "Even After Death, Social Media Still Connects Loved Ones"

<https://blogs.voanews.com/techtonics/2017/11/17/even-after-death-social-media-still-connects-loved-ones/> .

Social media has millions of personal pages of people who have died. Some are actually put up as tributes, some their own sites, many of them contain useful information and images of the person.

See also <http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20160313-the-unstoppable-rise-of-the-facebook-dead> and http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/death-facebook-dead-profiles_n_2245397 .

Here is another very interesting site for you all <https://stevemorse.org/index.html>

The National Archive have ceased to allow their self-service printing facilities or camera stations to visiting researchers. Researchers intending to view original documents are welcome to bring in their own camera, phone or other device to take images, provided such devices don't illuminate or physically touch a document. Digital documents can be downloaded onsite and emailed without charge.

If you are looking for Surnames being researched by fellow readers, then I am sorry but I haven't received any, so here are a couple of my own

Surname	Parish	County	Time Period	Contact details
Crumplin	Crookham	Hampshire	Any	fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Harden	Fleet	Hampshire	1850- now	fh4u@roccoland.plus.com

This is your opportunity to swap and share surnames of interest.

Historic maps of England & Wales project, is I understand now complete, possibly a place you hadn't thought of to look for maps National Library of Scotland they have scanned about 90,000 map sheets from 1841 to 1952 in order to make them available [free] to users all over the world.

Try this link <http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-england-and-wales/>

A majority of Welsh parish records are available online at FindMyPast with transcriptions at FamilySearch. However some are not available, this website lists those parishes not included [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales Parish Registers Not Published on Findmypast %26 FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Parish_Registers_Not_Published_on_Findmypast_%26_FamilySearch)

The Congressional Research Service, have published a new research guide, Military Service Records Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources' the guide was written by Mese F. DeBruyne and Barbara Salazar Torreon.

You will find the guide here <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/secretary/RS21282.pdf>

If you are struggling with finding information on WW1, then probably one of the best sources is the Long Long Trail. www.longlongtrail.co.uk

Alternatively if you are looking for a forum where you can ask questions or read those posted by others try the Great War Forum <http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums> with lots of knowledgeable people.

Guides are generally very helpful, are you aware of the changes to the marriage regulations?

General Register Office's aka GRO Guide for the Clergy goes into great detail the rules and regulations governing marriages, including the procedure for corrections, and the submission of quarterly copies to the GRO.

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/657346/Guidebook_for_The_Clergy_4.11.2017.pdf

At the beginning of the year GenSoftReview released details of the users choice Award. Over the 2017 year 82 programmes received reviews, programmes were rated from 1 to 5 star, with 5 being best here are the results.

Evidentia, an analysis program, was rated with 4.98 out of 5 based on 14 reviews.

iFamily for Mac, came second at 4.95 out of 5 on 14 reviews.

Famberry was third with 4.94 out of 5 from 61 reviews this is an online programme.

Ancestris received 8 reviews during 2017 and was fourth overall with a 4.92 out of 5 rating.

Heredis for Mac rejoined the winners in 2017 after previously having won 2012 - 2015. It did not receive any reviews in 2016.

To the reviews for yourself the link is:- <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/awards.php>

Rootsweb:- If you use this resource, you will have noticed that first World Connect disappeared and then the mailing lists, this is because they have found a weak link which is a security cause for concern.

Rootsweb say "We have been in the process of improving the site throughout 2017, and as a result of an issue we recently became aware of, we have taken the site offline while we work to resolve it. We take the security of our contributors and our viewers seriously. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but protecting our users' personal information is our top priority."

You can read their posting on the matter in full including an update posted on 9th January please go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/>

According to the newspaper the Irish Examiner www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/views/dawn-of-a-digital-irish-revolution-as-archives-go-online-821653.html more Irish records are to be digitised and made available online.

Many people assume in family history, this extremely dangerous, leaving written records cannot be overemphasized. Are you like me, recording stories and events in your life time, things that you have enjoyed, things that you have found upsetting. Years ago, I started writing about up these stories as and when I have had a few minutes, in the meantime I have noted things I wish to write about in the future, maybe it will end up in book format. Remember what you do and say now, will not be remembered in a hundred plus years, but what is written about you will last forever

Planning ahead, for those in the North of England or those prepared to travel.

The Family History Show, York

23rd June 2018

York Racecourse

Organised by the same group of people who organise 'The Family History Show, London at Sandown Park racecourse, probably now the two largest family History shows in the UK since the demise of WDYTYA Live.

Discover your **Ancestors**

Wow just look at the queue, takes me back to the days of the Society of Genealogist fair at the 'Royal Horticultural Hall, London when the queue used to wrap its self right around the building, that is over 15 years ago.



For more details, list of exhibitors and a list of the free talks please go to the website.

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/york/>

I have been asked is about backing up your research. Backing up of our computer data is something that many do not seem to do on a regular basis, hopefully the following will be help. It is essential that no one keeps the only copy of their information on one computer, at some time there will be a fault, either a simple drive fault or complete computer crash that will mean the loss of that data. There are many methods of backing up data, none is perfect and I'm afraid that, as a rule, the better methods require more input and effort. Some of the methods are listed below with the main for and against points. Choose the one that you feel is best for you but remember 'Any backup is better than no backup'. Don't forget to back up everything, not just the obvious data and documents, but email addresses, emails, your web favourites etc, everything that makes your computer personal to you. How often you backup depends on how much the computer is used, some things may need an occasional backup, e.g. your address book may not change much month to month, but your data and records could change daily. Just consider the amount of effort to back up compared with the effort to replace data.

Permanently connected external hard drives. These are easy to use and provide an automatic backup of your latest files, however as they are just hard discs they are no more reliable than the one in your computer so could fail themselves, also as they are attached to the computer, a major power failure on the computer could damage the external drive as well. It is however better than relying on only 1 internal drive.

USB memory sticks and hard drives. These are simple and cheap, have the advantage that you can carry them with you when visiting others, but can be lost and physically damaged. If you use these, back your data up regularly and have more than 1. This means that if you lose or damage the latest you still have the previous version to fall back on. However, you cannot normally backup all your files to one USB memory stick, the amount of data often stored on a computer is simply more than will fit on 1 memory stick, but will fit on a USB drive.

CD and DVD discs. These are one of the better methods, but take more effort. When you back up to them, always make 2 copies, just in case one doesn't read back, they are cheap enough. Make sure you label them with the date and content and keep them in some sort of folder / drawer. You will not only end up with a copy of your current data, but when you remember something you came across some time ago, you can go back to the old backups to see if you can find it. Contrary to some opinions, they do not degrade over normal time periods as long as they are stored reasonably. However, you can often end up with having to use several CD/DVD's to back everything up and it does take some time to do.

Tape drives. These are not normally recommended for personal use as they take more effort to use than CD/DVD's but they do have the advantage of massive capacity and are often used commercially, 1 tape can store hundreds of Tbytes , 1 Tbytes = 1000Gbytes = approx 200 DVD's.

Internet backup. This is growing in popularity, it has the advantage that whatever happens to your computer, the data is backed up somewhere else, where it should be in such a way that there are multiple copies backing each other up. It works OK, but only as long as you keep paying the monthly fee and the company doing it continues trading. You also have the problem of recovering it to a new computer should the original fail. It should be easy, and usually is, but not to everyone. There is also the risk that the data is accessible to anyone who finds out or hacks the access password from anywhere in the world.

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Last year a person we knew sadly passed away, due to the circumstances surrounding the death, there were delays. Information was received from the solicitors dealing with their estate that a date had been set for the funeral service at the crematorium, then an email from the aforesaid solicitors "regarding the funeral for XXXXXXXX, which was due to take place on the XXXXXXXX 2017, due to unforeseen circumstances this has had to be postponed. We will let you know when a new date has been arranged."

They will not be advising of a new date, the funeral was as per original email, it was not postponed. To say we were horrified would be one massive understatement, the opportunity to show respect and celebrate a life that has passed has been taken away. I know many others wanted to show respect and were awaiting details of the "date to be arranged" . There were only two from our group of friends there, the solicitor had forgotten to include them in distribution list of the message as to the cancellation.

Our thoughts and condolences go to the family and others affected like us by this terrible ending.

Have you heard of anything like this happening, it is all so distressing, the solicitors so far are not commenting. I have not included the name of the person, sex or details of the solicitors as I am aware that action is taking place to

find out why and how the incorrect information in the email came about, currently they are ignoring all attempts to contact them.

You would have thought you could trust a solicitor wouldn't you.

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Warwickshire Parish Records with images are now available on TheGenealogist their press release says

"TheGenealogist has added over 366,000 individuals to their Parish Records for Warwickshire to increase the coverage of this county in the heart of England.

Released in association with Warwickshire County Record Office this brings high quality transcripts as well as images to family historians researching for ancestors in this area.

With 366,260 individuals included in this Warwickshire release, these new records will help family historians to find their ancestors' baptisms, marriages and burials, in fully searchable records that cover various parishes from this part of England. With records that reach back to the mid 16th century, this release allows family historians to find the names of ancestors in baptisms, marriages and burials.

These new records are available as part of the Diamond Subscription at TheGenealogist, bringing the total to 934,495 searchable individuals for the county of Warwickshire"

Read their article that reveals the last resting place of a murderous lord of the manor:
www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/warwickshire-parish-records-reveals-a-penitent-murderer-724/

Photo of Baddesley Clinton church. © 2015 Nick Thorne

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Are you aware of the following websites ?

BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>
Family History sites visit <http://www.UKGDL.org.uk/>
Military Family History sites visit <http://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

Now I am advised

"Blackburn with Darwen Council now have online ordering of copy-certificates. So if you select a reference number for a BMD certificate from the Blackburn Register office via the Lancashire BMD website, you will now see that there's an option to order online.

The Copy Certificates page within the UKBMD website also has a link to the appropriate page within the Council's website."

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Are you sometimes tempted to assume a fact or maybe take something for granted when researching? A wonderful fictional genealogy mystery book graphically describes the dangers this holds. The book by Stephen Molyneux 'The Marriage Certificate' is well worth a read, the ISBN number is 9780957605909

Enjoy.

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Finally a brilliant offer for readers TheGenealogist are offering a discounted subscription 15 months for the price of 12 [25% extra free!]. You will also get a free 12-month sub to Discover Your Ancestors Magazine aka DYA Periodical. Here's the link to claim: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/FH4U15M>

Thanks to Mark Bayley [Head of Online Development at The Genealogist] for organising this.

Don't forget if are looking for information on family in the Manchester, Lancashire then try <http://familynotices.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/>

Are you interested in the Prisoner of War records? then this hopefully is for you.

From IAJGS Public Records Access Email Alert.

"The (UK) National Archives announced they are opening their prisoner of war (WW II) archives. These documents were transferred to the National Archives in December 2014. There are approximately 190,000 records of persons captured in German-occupied territory during World War II, primarily Allied service men (including Canadians, South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders, British and Allied civilians and some nurses. There are also cards for American, Norwegian, Chinese, Arab and Cypriot origins.

The new collection (WO 416) also includes several thousand records of deceased allied airmen whose bodies were found near their downed aircrafts. While these airmen were never prisoners of war, these records act as records of death.

The records are cards—some persons have up to 15 cards, but most have only one or two. It is not catalogued by name of individual for privacy reasons as some may still be living. The National Archives has started to catalogue the entire series and they have opened the records for those who were born more than 100 years ago or if they have proof of death.

To read more see:

<http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/opening-prisoner-war-collection/>

To browse the collection go to:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C14541141>

For those records that have not yet been digitized you can order the records in advance for when you visit the Kew (the National Archives) or you can request a quotation for a copy to be sent to you. The price will vary depending on the amount of copying. When you click on the name of the person you are researching , click on details. There you will get a transcription of information they have plus the option to order in advance or request a copy.

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