

Joint Meeting of Family History Groups

27 September 2013 at 7pm

Present

Angela Lowe
Diana Sewell
Francis Newton
Gerry Foster
Jacky Lester
John Nesbitt
June Mawson Mole
Margaret Newton
Marie Clegg
Mary Ratcliffe
Maureen Ferguson
Pamela Foster
Peter Holmes

Apologies

Beverley Gilliland
Barbara Metcalfe
June Sams
Marion Peaker
Susan Leslie

Meeting Notes

The purpose of the meeting was to review our meetings, to plan for the Open Day and to enjoy a social evening. The following was agreed.

- 1. Guillotine for general discussion:** to ensure that meetings focus on research the initial discussion will be no more than 20 minutes, less if there is nothing to discuss.
- 2. Sharing of information:** any useful general information, or notes on successful problem solving to be emailed by members to Margaret who will forward to Alex to be added to our page. Jacky to let Alex know of this new feature.
- 3. The email list of both groups to be merged:** all information to be circulated to members of both groups.
- 4. Group Meetings to follow existing pattern:** the third Monday 2-4pm and the first Friday 10.30-12.30am. Although existing members will mainly attend one of these, they are free to attend a second meeting.
- 5. New members to be initially recruited to one group:** this is to ensure that neither is swamped, but once the numbers stabilise they will have the same facility.
- 6. Notification/Attendance at meetings:** the host to send an email to remind members of the next meeting. Members to reply as to whether they intend to attend.
- 7. Group Membership:** members to be asked to let Group Leaders know if they leave the group so that we have a realistic view of group size. Since we meet at members' homes, it was felt that 12 is the maximum workable size.

8. **Broadening our scope:** Francis has some ideas as to how we might record our/older relatives history. Some members may wish to focus on this aspect, or add it to their existing approaches. This to be something to be explored by interested members in the coming year.
9. **Open Day in October:** Marie and Mary volunteered to represent the group at this meeting. Di passed on a memory stick with information that can be used for display on a laptop and the card for the table. She will also forward the signing in sheet she used last year.
10. **Di available for queries:** Di reminded us that she is happy to answer email queries between meetings. Everybody was very grateful for her generous offer and much valued contribution to the group.
11. **Meal at Selby College:** following the success of this event last year, members were keen to repeat the experience. Jacky to investigate and look for a date in late February/Early March.

Business over, we then proceeded to enjoy a buffet and socialising.