

## Report on Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### 'Presentations'

Continuing the theme that we partly covered in October, which Tricia Pepper was unable to attend. Tricia provided advice and nudges, like the use of Excel for laying out family trees, how to draw vertical lines, the use of Fotor – free to start with – in photo editing. She recommended how to present 'the story so far' with clear loose ends for others to follow up, advocated the inclusion of 'false leads' information so that others recognise it's a wild goose chase and don't repeat the error. She helped us consider PowerPoint as an important tool. A thoroughly absorbing talk.

Mary Birchall also displayed her own presentation summaries, greatly assisted by AppleMac. Mary found the Mobberley resource quite invaluable. She took the view that enjoyment of the journey is paramount, and don't think what you're leaving behind! Her research took her down the path of the oldest family name to the present, the male line then the female.

Tricia felt DNA testing to be worthwhile, and FamilySearch (IGI as was) a good resource to add strength to primary sources. John W cautioned the deliberate changes that ancestors may have resorted to, to evade creditors! College of Arms may be useful and Tax Returns will add certainty to conjecture, if you get lucky enough to find a forebear's tax records. Roger suggested the value of the Hearth Tax, which enabled him to identify families in specific villages and towns in mid Yorkshire.

Tricia and Mary, our sincere thanks for sharing your fascinating research lines, it stimulated so much interest.