

## **Meeting Reports – Update**

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

### **'Research Guidance Notes' from u3a's Subject Advisor**

Roger introduced the national u3a resource, featured in a recent 'Third Age Matters', announcing the potential involvement of a Family History Subject Advisor. As a result, contact was made with Stephen Dyer, the Advisor, who provided the group with a comprehensive list of areas to investigate (or investigate further), 29 in all with many sub-sections.

So far, Mary B, Andy, Mark, Clive, Terry, Jenny C and Roger have availed themselves of some of these guidance notes – and copious they are, too. That still leaves about 30 people in the group who may be interested in what is available. Folks will be able to catch up at the next meeting, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please make a note in your diaries, unless you don't need any further assistance.

In addition, Stephen Dyer sent details of u3a Genealogy/Family History talks – no fees, no travel expenses, just request a Zoom PowerPoint talk via Mr Dyer, also available in PDF format for groups without Zoom but have a projector (that's us). All talks are the copyright of the Genealogy Subject Advisor, permission must be granted. These talks are:

*'Uncovering your family's past' Getting started the u3a way*

*'The 1921 Census' – with research guidance from FindMyPast, plus How far back can you get?*

*'FamilySearch' review, with their new guidance notes*

*'Genetic Genealogy' – understanding DNA testing*

*'Early 20<sup>th</sup> century family & social history records – leading up to the 1921 census*

*'Ten most common research blocks aka Brick Walls' (excluding Irish records) Phew! There are a few things to sink our teeth into! For discussion at the September meeting.*