

Meeting Reports – Update

12th April 2024

'When Jack Met Molly'

For the second time in four weeks, members were eager to bring along further tales of how ancestors met. More good stories, containing intrigue, surprises as well as comedy and pathos. Read on...

Andy W embellished a great local story of **How George Met Marion** with a dozen or more of old photos, backed up by others that showed how the location (and some people) appear more recently. Great photos of policemen in uniform. Fourteen bobbies at Knutsford police station! Today, nil. Then the way that George overcame the rejection of his proposal to Marion by buying a very smart car! The photos of the Standard 9 were very appealing, from the 1930s glamorous marketing to the car as a backdrop to family life. Happily, next time George proposed, Marion said yes. Well, he had a nice car, didn't he? Happily too, Andy is here to tell the tale about his parents becoming Mr & Mrs.

Christine J told us about **When Thomas Met Kate**. Not only was Christine born a Jones, she married one too. This though was the tale of her grandparents, born and brought up on neighbouring farms in mid Wales, so girl next door material. There was a twist, because widowed grandfather married widowed grandmother, living in wedded bliss in the evening of their lives, but giving Christine a challenge when it came to recording this on a chart!

Allan J's story wasn't so much a history as an eye witness account of **How Allan Met Christine**. Yes, indeed, their own story. That was brave. Even braver, Alan confessed that he and his best man had not checked the hired suits before making the dash to the south coast, for the wedding, from Up North. When they arrived, consternation, The suits were remarkably ill-fitting, clearly a mix up had occurred. However the wedding went ahead, despite the wardrobe malfunctions. A memorable day all round.

Terry G rounded off the meeting with a comprehensive look at how to get the best out of the GRO, in particular finding elusive maiden names.

These stories may serve to remind us about how fragile some oral histories can be, and to record our own experiences, and those of earlier lives and times, for posterity.

Friday 10th May

Jenny Collis and Quiz No. 3. Another excellent quiz from the Quiz Queen herself, well attended and providing an hour of great entertainment in the Learn, Laugh, Live tradition. You'll be kicking yourself if you missed it!