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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

All meetings are held at our rooms, 56 Chapel St., Cowes

**Saturday 18 March 2017 Irish Webinar at 1.30pm**

**Brian Donovan talks about Find My Past's Irish Records**

Lots of records that may give you a hint of your ancestor, eg the Prison Registers, and Dog License Books - apparently if you were a farmer then you had a dog.

**Irish Catholic Parish Records**

Parish boundaries changed over the years, Find My Past has included a facility to enable you to search adjoining parishes when searching for records.

**Saturday 1 April 2017 Family Tree Maker User Group 1.30pm – 4pm**

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**Estella, Italy:**

Here lies Estella  
Who transported a large fortune to heaven  
In acts of charity,  
And has gone thither to enjoy it.

**Mary Gwynne, Cambridge:**

Here lies the body of Mary Gwynne,  
Who was so very pure within,  
She cracked the shell of her earthly skin,  
And hatched herself a cherubim.

**Ann Sellars, Egam, North Derbyshire**

Here lise ye bodie of Ann Sellars,  
Buried by this stone, who died on January 13th, 1731.  
Likewise here lise Isaac Sellars  
My husband on my right,  
Who was buried on that same day seven years. 1738  
In seven years there comes a change,  
Observe and here you'll see  
On that same day come seven years  
My husband's laid by me.

<http://shadowsoftime.co.nz>

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## **IGA COWES**

Anyone shopping at the IGA Grocery store in Cowes, please give our **Shopper Number 595** and all credits will go to the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. It would be most appreciated by the Committee if you could spare a few points.

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## Australia Day BBQ

Over thirty members and their partners enjoyed our Australia Day BBQ.



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## Brighton Cemetery

Rose O'Meara

In my quest to locate an ancestor's grave at Brighton Cemetery, I was asked if I would like a copy of the 'Form of Instructions for Graves' for my infant ancestor, baby Arthur Edward Carter. He is my father's baby brother.

I had not come across this record before in my search, and I was very pleased to receive a copy via email from Brighton.

This avenue was a new one to me and may be of use to fellow members of PIADGS regarding the burial of an ancestor, just another piece added to my research catalogue.

My husband Jeff and I had searched Brighton Cemetery several times for Baby Arthur's grave, but could not find it. Since then we were told that he would be in the grassed area reserved for baby's and stillborns. There are numerous plaques just placed randomly on the ground, as some babies were placed in the same grave as others. The Cemetery has since placed a large rock/stone monument, of concrete construction, there now for persons wanting to place a plaque on it.

We are now organizing a plaque for Baby Arthur for perhaps future family members to read.

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## How To Preserve Your Genealogy Research

You've spent a lot of time, energy, and money tracing your family tree. Not to be morbid, but have you thought about what happens to all of that when you're gone? Don't leave things to chance. Here are 5 ways to preserve your genealogy research.

### 1. Organize

(I hope you're still reading.) If your organization method is "File by Pile," your research stands a good chance of ending up in landfill. If others can't make sense of what all of those notes, papers, copies, and scribbles mean and how they fit together, they're likely to say, "Forget it," and chuck the whole thing.

### 2. Write and Record

This is something we should be doing anyway. Don't allow your conclusions to reside only in your brain or in your genealogy software (which your descendants probably won't know how to use or understand its importance). Write them. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be written. While you're at it, record your memories. A binder labeled "Our Family History" is more likely to be saved than a pile of file folders strewn across the dining room table.

### 3. Pass It Around

After you've written something, share it. Send a copy to the libraries in the areas where your ancestors lived. Send articles to the genealogy societies for their publications. Even if your research files don't survive, your conclusions will.

### 4. Find the Next Generation

Identify someone in the family who would be interested in picking up the baton as the family's historian. If it isn't one of your children or grandchildren, what about a niece, nephew, or younger cousin? Work alongside them now and when the time is right, give them your files. (You might even want to put it into your will, so there's no misunderstanding in case something were to happen before you can transfer the files yourself.)

### 5. Donate — with Preparation

So you've decided to leave all of your files to your local library or genealogy society. You've even written it into your will. Awesome! But does that library or society know that stuff is coming? Do they even want it?

Not every library will accept loose materials like that. Also, it might not fit into what they collect in terms of subject. (If your local library is in Nebraska, but your research revolves around families in Virginia, they might not want it.) Talk to your intended library or society before you draw up your will. See if they're interested and what shape the files need to be in. While you're at it, include a cash donation in your will to help them offset the cost of processing your research.

Don't be like the ancestors who tossed out their letters and lost the family Bible. Take steps to preserve your genealogy research. Future generations will thank you.

[http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/04/29/preserve-genealogy-research/?utm\\_content=bufferd195e&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer#preservation](http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/2016/04/29/preserve-genealogy-research/?utm_content=bufferd195e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer#preservation)

*Thank your Elaine Alexander for forwarding this to me.*

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### You know you are a Genealogy addict when....

- .... You brake for libraries.
- .... You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- .... You would rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- .... You are more interested in what happened in 1699 than in 1999.
- .... You store your clothes under the bed (or wear the same two outfits to save space), because your closet is full of books and papers.
- .... All your correspondence begins with "Dear Cousin".
- .... You have traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, you have it documented and still don't want to quit.
- .... Your most important social life is meeting people who you run into while searching a family line

<http://members.home.nl/sjouwke/genealogie/jokes.htm#addict>

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## FAMILY TREE MAKERS USERS GROUP

Our first 2017 PIADGS Family Tree Maker User Group meeting was held on Saturday, 4 February. Group attendance was great as usual.

We were fortunate enough to have Doug Elms assisting with our FTM User Group for the day. Many queries were discussed, including the “hot topic” of the new Software McKiev (SMK) update of Family Tree Maker and moving from the old Family Tree Maker 2014 to the new SMK Family Tree Maker 2014.1 update. Some members of the user group have already been able to update from the old version and as explained on the day, SMK are using a gradual roll out for updates. It is



important that you familiarise yourself with the SMK Family Tree Maker website at <http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/> and register your version of Family Tree Maker and take a look around the website's Frequently Asked Questions. Click on the Family Tree Maker Support Tab or website address <http://www.mackiev.com/support.html> for any queries that you may have.

Also discussed on the day were the various options available for inserting newspaper articles as media into Family Tree Maker. Many people have different ways of doing this and it was great to hear from those with their methods of attaching this type of media, particularly as some media may be subject to copyright and/or present with OCR problems. Doug Elms also introduced the group to imaging software PhotoScape and its capabilities.

Using Custom Reports in Family Tree Maker was also discussed and examples shown. For example, would you like to see a listing of Occupations for persons in your tree; or prepare a custom report detailing burial information. This can be easily done using Family Tree Maker, but users were advised that the data output will only be as good as the data entry itself.

A reminder was given to all users that both Genevieve and Suzanne are available to help with any problems that they may be experiencing. Please contact Genevieve or Suzanne at [piadgs@gmail.com](mailto:piadgs@gmail.com) should you need any assistance and appointment times can be arranged.

A great day was had by all and a big thank you to the PIADGS Catering Team who always provide a wonderful afternoon tea.

Next PIADGS Family Tree Maker User Group – Saturday, 1 April 2017.

Suzanne Hayes  
Co-Ordinator  
PIADGS Family Tree Maker User Group



**Funny Surname** This actually occurred in the PIADGS rooms this month.  
Linda: “Lnu. What a funny surname!”  
Sue: “How do you pronounce it?”  
Linda & Sue together: ‘Let’s Google it!’ - ‘Lnu surname pronunciation’.  
Result? It is an abbreviation for Last Name Unknown.”

Sue Lilley

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## PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS

A melancholy occurrence took place on the newly-selected land at Phillip Island last week. A fine girl, nine years old, was attacked suddenly with illness, and before medical aid could be had, she died. This is the second death within the month which has occurred before medical aid could arrive, on both occasions a strong gale preventing any one leaving the island for help.

Mount Alexander Mail. Saturday 23 January 1869

**Phillip Island (says the Herald) has an historical interest for land reformers, inasmuch as it was one of the early battle grounds of party, under the leadership of Wilson Gray. Mr M'Haffir triumphed then; but circumstances are too strong for the most impregnable squatter. Phillip Island was a little paradise for its pastoral tenant. The sea acted as a natural fence. There were no neighbours to introduce scab, no grumbling farmers to agitate for a common off the run. No free selectors. Only sheep, peace, and solitude. All this is now changed. The first batch of free selectors are scarcely settled, before a memorial is prepared to the Minister of Lands and Survey, asking that the rest of the island may be open to selection. In all probability the request will be granted. The soil of the island is well suited to agriculture.**

Riverine Herald (Echuca). Saturday 16 January 1869

**It is notified in the Gazette of last night that the cutting or removing of timber on Phillip Island, within a mile of high-water line, has been prohibited by His Excellency the Governor in Council.**

The Argus. Saturday 16 January 1869

The residents of Phillip Island are not neglectful of the school children, and remember how necessary it is that they should not only have an education but also some relaxation. The annual treat to the school children will take place on the 2nd of April, when it is purposed to convey them to the Bass River, in the pretty little steamer "Eclipse", which has been chartered for the occasion for the children and their friends. It is intended to pic-nic for the day in Mr. Muldoon's paddock, and, should the weather be propitious, no doubt they will have a jolly time of it.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal.  
Wednesday 21 March 1877

**COWES.** – When Mr. Joseph Grayden, of Ventnor, was riding beside a tractor his horse put its foot into a hole, and falling sideways rolled on its rider, tearing the muscles of his arm. – Mr. O. Boys, of Rhyll, had three horses accidentally injured one night last week by sportsmen who, it was surmised, shot the animals. – Whilst paint was being burnt off at Messrs. Robb Bros. residence, the woodwork caught fire, and in a few minutes flames were leaping from floor to ceiling. The fire was soon extinguished, and no serious damage was done.

The Argus. Tuesday 17 March 1925

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### CAN SOMEONE SOMEWHERE HELP ME?

My name is Pauline Taylor, nee RICHARDS, I have a brother Gordon RICHARDS and we were born in Northampton England in 1939 & 1937 respectively. I have been able to trace my mother's birth certificate, my mother's & father's marriage certificate & I also have my mother's parents marriage certificate but that is where I come up against a brick wall as my mother & father got divorced. I don't know if she stayed as RICHARDS, went back to her maiden name of MURBY or if she remarried. Where do I go from here?

My second issue that has made the brick wall totally insurmountable is that somehow Gordon & I ended up in a Children's Home somewhere in London as we were abandoned in approx. 1940 – 42. I find this very strange being as it was war time. Did the family move to London? The last known address was from my birth certificate was in Northampton.

I always thought that my brother & I ended up in a Dr Barnardo's Home from whence we were fostered by 2 women & went to live at Chappel in Essex, but my brother seems to think we were taken to St Francis' Receiving Home Clapham Park, London & possibly transferred to one of the Society's branch homes.

If anyone has any information or helpful advice please contact Pauline Taylor at [gpctaylor@gmail.com](mailto:gpctaylor@gmail.com)

Thank you.

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### **Some genealogical thoughts**

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap . . .

I should have asked them BEFORE they died

I think my ancestors had several 'bad heir' days

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## MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

- Northern Ireland cemeteries      History from headstones  
<http://www.historyfromheadstones.com>
- Ireland Genealogy projects & genealogy project archives      <http://www.igp-web.com>
- Ireland - Historic graves      <http://www.historicgraves.com>
- Ireland - Cemeteries      Ever after      <http://www.discovereverafter.com>
- Irish graveyards      <http://www.IrishGraveyards.ie>
- Limerick Archives      <http://www.limerick.ie/archives>
- Mackillop Family Services      Institutions run by the Sisters of Mercy, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph in Victoria  
<http://www.mackillop.org.au/history>

## NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

- Memories of Wonthaggi. The town that refused to die! : 100 years and still going strong
- Johnson & Sainty      Gravestone inscriptions N.S.W. volume 1. Sydney Burial Ground Elizabeth and Devonshire Streets "The Sandhills"
- Centenary history of Portland and a guide to the district
- Borelli, Angela      Forgotten Island. An oral and social history of French Island
- Hansen, I. V.      By their deeds. A centenary history of Camberwell Grammar School 1886-1986
- Stokes, Edward      Innocents abroad : The story of British child evacuees in Australia
- Hobby, Jenni      Tales of the tablelands : A history of Ruffy and district, including a history of the Terip Terip Primary School
- Noble, Gerald W.      Red Gate. A history of Alexandra
- Cobley, John      Crimes of the First Fleet convicts
- Thompson, Bert      Rambling through the middle years (Traralgon)

### GENEAPALOOZA



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