



# Newsletter

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Greetings,

This month Helen is filling in for Tanya in preparing the newsletter-lucky for me Tanya did the most of it before she headed off.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who found Allan Murrin's talk on using the Family Search site last month to be very informative and well presented. I got lots of ideas on places to search.

This month we will belatedly celebrate fathers. Members are asked to present a short show and tell (about 5 minutes) about a father or grandfather.

Some fathers seem to have been mysterious creatures so it will be wonderful to bring them out of the shadows. I am looking forward to hearing their stories.

I've no doubt that my own father was not unusual in not being very forthcoming about his life B.C. (before children), I've only managed to glean bits and pieces-some from him and some from relatives. And as to my grandfather, we were always surprised when we found that some of his stories were actually true.

**This month's meeting** of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, right in the centre of town. Visitors are warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

**Membership Fees** Next year's annual fees can be prepaid if that suits you better, either by cash to Ian or by bank transfer. Remember to fill in the updated details form (which also has the banking details on it)

**Trade table** - Our trade table will be operating again, so you can donate any unwanted good quality items to the table display. If something from the table catches your fancy, please drop some cash in the Society's moneybox for the item, then take it. Remember that if your donated items don't sell, you will need to take them home again.

## **Library News**

Remember that members of the BMCC library have free access to the British Newspaper Archive, Ancestry & FindMyPast, through any of the library computers. Be aware that across the Mountains there are only two "seats" for FindMyPast so you may not always get on straight away.

## **Explorer's Tree Magazine**

Send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. [j.koperberg@bigpond.com](mailto:j.koperberg@bigpond.com) for upcoming issues of "The Explorer's Tree". Remember to include references and sources if they come with the article.

**Next month's meeting** of the Family History Society will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the

Presbyterian Church. It will be time to find out if our Society can continue for another year at our AGM. All Office Bearer and Committee positions will become vacant and await volunteers to fill them. Please speak to a committee member to get your nomination in.

Notification & nomination forms have been emailed to members, and forms will also be available at the October & November meetings

### Upcoming Events:

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:** our street stall will be running again. Donations and volunteers will both be greatly appreciated.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** The smaller back room at the Ori Café has been booked for Christmas lunch at 12 midday. There is no set menu this time. Make your selection from the specials or standard menu, order and pay for yourself on the day.

### Research Tips:

When was the last time you looked at Cyndi's List <https://www.cyndislist.com/> ?

*Cyndi's List* has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 25 years. *Cyndi's List* is **free** for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

Currently there are nearly 320,000 links in 231 categories.

For all that the internet has made searching faster, and sometimes easier, don't forget to review documents from time to time. A witness to a marriage that you looked at 5 years ago may have become a more important figure later on and lead you to 'treasure'.

### Just for Fun

