

Romsey Genealogy group – Past meeting programme

Note – The information for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 is based on the programme for those years prepared at the beginning of the year and does not necessarily reflect what actually happened. The programmes were obviously disrupted by events, notably Covid, as it will be noted that some planned talks appear in successive years presumably postponed from one year to the next. This however the best information available. The record for 2024 onwards does however reflect actual events.

2020

January	“Beyond the 1911 Census” – Les Mitchinson
February	Members’ Meeting – Can we help?
March	“Pest Houses and Public Health” – Alison Wall
April	“In My Father’s Footsteps” – Dave Lovell
May	“The Sewing Room” – Heather Wylde
June	Members’ Meeting – “If I could travel back in time, the Ancestor I’d Most Like to Meet”
July	“Where's William? - a tale of hunting down an elusive common surname” – Heather Sheeley
August	“My Uncle Tom” - David Painter and “What happened to Mary Ann?” – Alison Painter
September	“Sea-Farers in My Family” – Kay Lovell
October	“Maps for Family Historians” – Colin Moretti
November	Christmas-themed meeting

2021

January	Members’ Meeting – Can we help?
February	“My Genealogical Journey” – Phil Brown
March	“My Website” – Kay Lovell + Members’ accounts of how they share their family history with others
April	“Searching Surnames” – Kirsty Gray

May	“The Sewing Room” – Heather Wylde
June	Members’ Meeting – “If I could travel back in time, the Ancestor I’d most like to meet...and why”
July	“Where's William? - a tale of hunting down an elusive common surname” – Heather Sheeley
August	“Missing Deaths” – Simon Wills
September	“My Uncle Tom” - David Painter and “What happened to Mary Ann?” – Alison Painter
October	“A Family of Soldiers” – Kay Lovell
November	Christmas-themed meeting

2022

January	Members’ Meeting – Can we help?
February	“Up with the Lark” – Ian Waller
March	“Death Records - Bringing your ancestors to life” – Jane Fox
April	“The Hursley Lads” – Antonia Stickland
May	Members’ Meeting – Our Own Military Ancestors
June	“Pubs & Publicans” – Kay Lovell
July	“Swing Riots” Elaine Boyes
August	Members’ Meeting – Family Occupations
September	“The Future of Family History” – Dr Nick Barratt
October	“Talking about Wills” – Colin Moretti
November	Christmas-themed meeting

2023

January	Jennifer Wineberg: “Am I John Ruskin’s great-great granddaughter?”
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February	Members' meeting - What's your problem? Can we help?
March	David Bickerton – “Parents at War”
April	Miranda Pender – “Lifting the Lid”
May	Colin Moretti – Romsey cemeteries
June	Richard Hutley - POLICING - Past & Future
July	Heather Wylde – “The Sewing Room”
August	Members' meeting – “Surprises, Shocks and Revelations” – what unexpected finds has your research revealed?
September	Philip MacDougall – “If War Should Come: Defence Preparations on the South Coast, 1935-1939”
October	Kay Lovell – Recording of dates
November	Christmas get-together with Quiz

2024

January	Members' Meeting – Can we help?
February	Ian Waller - Non-Conformist Records
March	Antonia Stickland - Researching a relative
April	Laurie Page -Migration (within the UK)
May	Using Ancestry - Graeme Cunningham
June	Penny Walters -Irish Records
July	'Rosa was Italian?' Graham Woodbury
September	Linda Hammond - The 1939 Register
October	Member presentations - My Favourite Relative
November	Chris Broom - 'Family history - Why it Matters'

2025

January	Richard Holt – 1939 Register and beyond
February	Janet Few – Coming here
March	Members' meeting – recent research successes and failures
April	Janet Few – Family History; The next generation
May	Simon Fowler – Making the best use of the National Archives
June	Colin Chapman – Family History in Newspapers and Periodicals – Expected and unexpected sources
July	Members' meeting – recent research successes and failures
September	Ian Waller – Record keeping for family historians
October	Janet Few – Sons of the soil
November	Janet Few – Christmas crackers

2026

January	Linda Hammond – What do I do before 1837
February	John Hanson – Getting the best from the new Family Search website
March	Alison Spring – Tracing you Scottish Ancestor from home and for free
April	Peter Campion – Tracing the history of a village
May	Sue Gibbons – Research your family history at the Society of Genealogists
June	Gill Blanchard – The Parish Chest
July	Linda Hammond – From chaos to clarity, Mind Mapping your family history