

Surrey History Centre

Each session can be booked individually but there is a discount if you book the full course of six sessions. Each session costs £12, or the whole course can be booked for £60 – a saving of £12! Free worksheets, bibliographies and lists of useful websites are provided at each session, with an additional 'goodie' bag for anyone completing the whole course.



Although the sessions end at 13.00, Surrey History Centre is open until 17.00, so why not make a day of it and enjoy all the free resources at your disposal? We are conveniently situated in Woking with good road and public transport links, and there is a free car park at the rear of the building, accessible via Kingsway. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch to eat in our refreshment area, and there are hot and cold drink facilities and light snacks available for your convenience. We can also recommend several restaurants and cafés in the vicinity for something more substantial.

Staff will be on duty throughout the day to help you with your research and to show you how to use the History Centre catalogues and indexes.

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Family History Research Made Easy!

Introducing a complete family history course, run by professional genealogists and archivists, at Surrey's county record office.

Take the opportunity to explore the methods and techniques used by experienced genealogists to enhance your family history research. You'll not only learn many 'tips of the trade' but also experience handling original historical documents, navigate online resources and, importantly, discover how and where to find less-known genealogical sources.



The six week course runs every Tuesday from 10.00 to 13.00, from 29 April to 3 June 2014, including refreshment breaks and the opportunity for hands-on experience in our search room, using original records and online resources. You can choose to attend the complete course or simply select individual sessions. Small, friendly classes ensure a comfortable workshop environment with ample opportunity at the end of each session to discuss individual experiences and questions.

The course covers UK research but includes some overseas sources too. So whether you're just beginning your family history journey, or you've been researching your ancestors for a while and feel you would benefit from some expert help, this course will be ideal for you!

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Course Structure



1) An introduction to family history

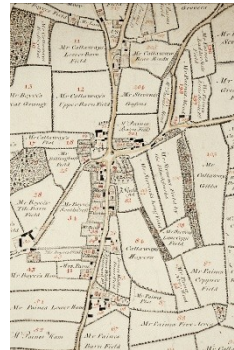
Tuesday 29 April 2014

This covers all the basics, with tips for navigating the major family history websites, hints on how to record and store your research, and exploration of some valuable but less-known sources.

2) Crofts, Castles, Trades and Professions:

Tuesday 6 May 2014

Explore available resources that show what our ancestors did and how they earned their living. Learn how to use maps, local directories, rate books and more to explore the homes and places where your ancestors lived.



VAGHANTS IN THE CASUAL WARD OF WORKHOUSE.
(From a photo.)

3) Schools and Workhouses:

Tuesday 13 May 2014

Find out more about the records of schools, orphanages, universities and colleges, and the information they contain. Learn more about the Poor Law and the workhouse, and why it was such an important part of our ancestors' lives.



4) Fighting Talk: An Introduction to Military Records:

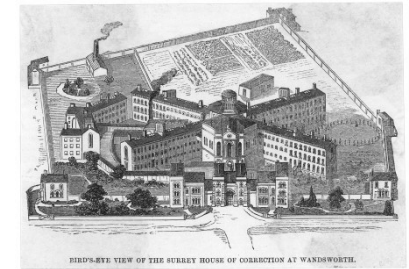
Tuesday 20 May 2014

Discover the sources we can use to trace our ancestors who served in the army, navy and air force. What can we expect to find and where can we find First and Second World War and earlier records

5) Mad, Bad and Sometimes Sad:

Tuesday 27 May 2014

Was your ancestor in prison or in an asylum? Discover the records of hospitals and asylums, prisons, courts and institutions such as industrial schools. Examine access to sensitive records and the implications of the Data Protection and Freedom of Information acts.



6) Moving On: Immigration, Emigration & Transportation:

Tuesday 3 June 2014

Discover why (and how) our ancestors emigrated and the records we can use to trace their journeys and new lives. Explore immigration records, and learn about techniques and resources for overseas research, including Ireland and mainland Europe. (image courtesy of http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ellis_Island_in_1905.jpg)