

WEST DORSET GROUP: Past talks 2000 forwards

2000

Feb: Anglo-German Research - Peter TOWEY (Anglo-German FHS)
Mar: a.m. Open Research Session - Victorian Day
p.m. Do you really want to know your Ancestors - Beryl & John
HURLEY (Wilts FHS)
Apr: a.m. Romany-Gypsy & Traveller Ancestors
p.m. Gypsy Families in the Dorset Area - Janet KEET-BLACK (R&T FHS)
(Also Hemp & Flax Exhibition Bridport Town Hall)
May: Old Dorset Photos - Chris WOODS (D.R.O)
Jun: Researching Down Under Day - Virginia GRAHAM (NZ Gen Soc)
Jul: Visit to Sanford Orcas
Sep: Researching Local Families - Members Session
Oct: Flax & Hemp Symposium - Bridport Town Hall
Nov: Computer Day

2001

Feb: a.m. 19th Century Dorset
p.m. Swing Riots in Dorset - B. MACHIN
Mar: a.m. In Search of Martha BROWN - Jane F.S.
p.m. Nicola Thorne, Graham Chester & Others
Apr: a.m. Do I have Irish Ancestry
p.m. Researching in Ireland - Harold FAULKNER & Others
May: a.m. Humanising History, books, photos, oral, film etc.
p.m. Film as a Primary Source - Brad KING (Imperial War Museum)
Jun: a.m. Poole Newfoundland Links
p.m. The Slade Connection - Terry McDONALD
Jul: a.m. Open Day - Lyme Regis & Visit to Fleet Air Museum
Sep: a.m. Hemp & Flax Update - Members Sessions
p.m. Dorset Migration Index - Members Sessions
Oct: a.m. Local Tithe Maps
p.m. Dorset Maps & Map Makers - David REEVE (D.R.O.)
Nov: Computer Day - David NASH, Steve & Helen JONES & Others

2002

Feb: AGM
Mar: a.m. Poor Law & Workhouse Records - Members Session
p.m. Magistracy in the Archives - Terry HEARING
Apr: a.m. Reading Old Documents
p.m. House History - Jenny POTTER
Also Bridport Local & Family History Study Weekend
May: Members Research Day
Jun: No Meeting - Jubilee Exhibition Bridport
Jul: a.m. Ellis Island Project
p.m. Family Search & LDS Records - Sharon HINTZ (LDS Hyde Park)
Also visit to Imperial War Museum
Sep: a.m. Census Records in Family History
p.m. Census & Other Records - Steve WILKINSON
Oct: a.m. Dorset & the Swing Riots
p.m. Convicts & Transportation - Jill CHAMBERS
Nov: Computer Day

2003

Jan: AGM
Feb: a.m. Scottish Connections - Members Session
p.m. Resources in Scotland, hints on where to look
Mar: a.m. Emigrants & Residents Overseas
p.m. Immigrants & Aliens - Roger KERSHAW (P.R.O.)
Apr: SWAG Conference - Exeter

May: a.m. Researching Overseas, what is available - Members Research
Jun: Summer Special Workshop - Army, Navy & RAF Records
(Simon FOWLER, Phil TOMASELLI, Ken DIVALL, Brad KING & Others)
Jul/Aug: Bridport Charter Hemp & Flax Exhibition, Bridport Town Hall
Sep: Family History Study Day at Colfox School, speakers include
Colin POOLEY, Geoff RIGGS and others.
Oct: Local History Day (no details)
Nov: Computer Day

2004

Feb: a.m. The Parish Chest
p.m. New & Projects at the SRO (speaker from SRO both sessions)
Mar: a.m. Dorset Coast Digital Archive - Prof: Vincent MAY/Louise FERRIN
p.m. Domestic & Disturbing: Lyme Regis probate material 17th & 18th
centuries - Dr. Judith FORD
Apr: No meeting as D-Day & Dorset at Colfox School
May: a.m. A One Name Study - Steve CHAPMAN
p.m. Presentations from GOONS - Phil SHERWOOD & Others
Jun: a.m. 17th Century Non-Conformity - Michael GANDY
p.m. Researching Huguenots - Michael GANDY
Jul: Trip?
Sep: a.m. Superintendent Registrar - H. DOWNE
p.m. Dorset Medicine in the 1600s - Dr. ABEL
Oct: Writing & Presenting Your Family History Workshop - Jane F.S.
Nov: Computer Day

2005

Jan: a.m. History of Wooton Fitzpaine - Guy BRIAN & Mrs E. FORTESCUE
Feb: a.m. Dorset in the 1800s - Jane FERENTZI-SHEPPARD
p.m. Registration how it assists family historians - Mrs H. DOWNIE
Mar: a.m. Quarter Session Records & DRC - Jacqui HALEWOOD (DRO)
p.m. Victorian Servants - Pat HASE
Apr: a.m. Rural Housing In Dorset in 1800s - Martin AYRES
p.m. Finding & Using Ecclesiastical & Church Records - Steve FORSHAW
May: a.m. The 15,000 publications in the County Studies Collection -
Robin ANSELL
p.m. Flesh On The Bones - Don STEEL
Jun: All Day Session - The Parish Pack Project - Diana, Celia & Jane
Jul: Visit to Wolfeton House
Sep: a.m. Slaves & the West Dorset trade - Dr. Judith FORD
p.m. History of Hooke & its people - Prof: Duncan HARRIS
Oct: Computer Users Day - Steve WILKINSON etc
Nov: Aspects from History of Beaminster & its people - Duncan HARRIS etc

2006

Jan: a.m. A fresh look at family history - Ted UDALL
p.m. AGM + What the Society has to offer - Ted UDALL
Feb: a.m. Unique approaches to family history research - FH Students
p.m. The Dorset CHUTTER family - Jane F.S.
Mar: a.m. Bastardy & Settlement & effects on ancestry - Jacqui HALEWOOD
p.m. The Shadow of the Workhouse - Pat HASE
Apr: a.m. Bishop of Salisbury's Records - Steve FORSHAW
p.m. Dorset Freemasonry, History & Customs - Harry BARNES
May: a.m. An Amazing Source, Fire Insurance Records - David HAWKINGS
p.m. Were Your Ancestors Railwaymen - David HAWKINGS
Jun: a.m. History of Cider, a West Dorset Obsession - James CROWDEN
p.m. Anecdotes from 150 years of Dorset Weather - Mark CHING
Jul: Visit to Cadhay House, Ottery St. Mary
Sep: a.m. Marriage & Courtship in the 1800s - Tom DOIG
p.m. Birth & Baptism in the 1800s - Tom DOIG

Oct: a.m. Sailor in the Victorian Navy - Alan BROWN
All at sea with the GOLLOP family - Ken GOLLOP
p.m. Aspects of Portland Maritime History - Stuart MORRIS
Nov: a.m. A nest of Hornecks - Moira BONNINGTON
p.m. The Military Macaroni - Moira BONNINGTON

2007

Jan: a.m. Victorian Dress & Dating Family Photographs - Penelope RUDDOCK
p.m. AGM
Gems from Coroner reports on Loders residents - Helen DOBLE
Feb: a.m. Unique approaches to family research - F.H. Students
p.m. Discovering our Irish Ancestors - Jane F.S.
Mar: a.m. My Ancestors in the Royal Navy - Paul BLAKE
p.m. Codpiece to Calvin Klein, aspects of attraction - Paul BLAKE
Apr: a.m. Criminal Records - David HAWKINGS
p.m. Victorian Pleasures & Pastimes - Pat HASE
May: a.m. History of the Dorset Regiment - Nicholas SPEAKMAN
p.m. Mercers, Farmers & Nurserymen - Robert ALLWOOD
Jun: a.m. Open DAY
Jul: Visit to Forde Abbey
Sep: a.m. Village Friendly Socs & Identifying Photos - Tom DOIG
p.m. Victorian Way of Death - Tom DOIG
Oct: a.m. Mystery Motor Tour through local villages - Brian STIDWELL
p.m. Findings in Family History - Elizabeth GALE
Nov: a.m. History of Christmas Cards - David RICHES (Weymouth Museum)
p.m. Origins & Development of Surnames - Don STEEL

2008

Jan: a.m. History of Education in Bridport & how it can be related to
Family History research - Fiona TAPLIN
p.m. AGM + Life as a Table Glove Cutter from Genesis to Armageddon
- Brian WEBBER
Feb: a.m. A series of short talks by JFS's advanced students presenting
varied aspects of their varied research:
p.m. Hints, tips & brick walls in family history - Jane F-SHEPPARD
Mar: a.m. Facts or Fiction in Family History - Steve CHAPMAN
p.m. EGM
Abandoned & Deserted places in the south-west - Mike BOLTON
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