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Hello again from the Newsletter desk and welcome to any new members and visitors. I have spent the past month taking advantage of the 1-month free access to Ancestry's Pro-Tools. I found them to be a remarkable help in locating and correcting errors in my Ancestry Tree as well as very quickly solving some DNA puzzles. Now I'll just have to wait till the next discounted offer. Did you also find them beneficial? Would you recommend them as well?

On a different topic, our first major fundraiser for the year is coming up. We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall in the Church driveway on Saturday 3rd May, (**1 week BEFORE our May meeting**) from 9 – 12. If you can't make it to the stall, then you will need to bring your non-perishable donations to the April meeting.

You can help by:

- donating something for us to sell eg: cakes (consider food allergies by listing the ingredients), knitted products, plants etc;
- assisting with sales,
- assisting with setting up or packing away.

The stall will be cancelled if it is raining.

Thank you to Geoff Nadin for last month's fascinating presentation about his, and his wife's, research into the Spinney on Hawkesbury Rd and its original owner David Stewart Dawson. I am now thoroughly enjoying his book "Treasure House".

This Month's Meeting will be held on **Friday 11th April, 2025 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Visitors warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

After morning tea, Stephen Ford will be our guest speaker for this month. His topic will be Australian Military Research.

Membership Fees Annual fees are now overdue for 2025. \$50 for an individual or \$60 for a joint or family membership. If you are new to the Society, then get your membership form online from our website or Facebook page or pick one up from Ian at the meeting. Also, there is an additional postage fee if you prefer to have your 'Explorer' magazine posted rather than picking it up at our meetings. Our mailing fee is \$15.

Trade table - Our trade will be operating again this month, 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. Or you could consider donating them to the Mother's Day Stall.

Library News

Things are running smoothly but Helen can always use more volunteers. Also remember, that free access to search Ancestry, Find My Past and Newspapers is available through the Library computers.

The Explorer's Tree Magazine

Jan needs more items for upcoming editions. Please consider submitting one of your stories for "The Explorer's Tree" magazine. Send your work, in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com

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 **9th May, 2025 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be Ian Kendall on using DNA in your research.

Research Tips

The **NSW & ACT Association** has negotiated a special offer for our members with *MyHeritage*. In conjunction with *MyHeritage* we are running a campaign between April 1st and 18th which offers new subscribers a twelve-month subscription for 60% off. The offer is for the Annual *MyHeritage* Complete Plan & is now \$AU 139.60 (instead of the usual \$AU 349). Note: we are associated members. Here is the link

["https://www.myheritage.com/partner/familyhistorysocietiesApril25?utm_source=partner_familyhistorysocieties&utm_campaign=partner_familyhistorysocietiesApril25&utm_medium=partner&tr_funnel=complete"](https://www.myheritage.com/partner/familyhistorysocietiesApril25?utm_source=partner_familyhistorysocieties&utm_campaign=partner_familyhistorysocietiesApril25&utm_medium=partner&tr_funnel=complete)

Probate searches in the UK and Wales. The fee for each copy request is £1.50 to download (the £1.50 charge is required by law for the release of public documents. You will receive a copy of the grant of representation and the will if there is one. You can pay online using a debit or credit card. Even with our appalling exchange rates that is good value. There have been price rises associated with legally applying for probate this month but no change to the cost of a search. Use this link to search for probate records between 1858 – 1995. <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/>

Just for Fun

Thanks to Alison for sharing this one. It reminds me of some of the hints I've seen that come from other trees.



Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Tanya