



REDBOURN

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Notes and Information from the Chair

January General Meeting

Wednesday 21st January at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk was titled –

'Family History Research in Herts' – with Felicity Brimblecombe

Our New Year opened with Felicity Brimblecombe, Chair of the Hertfordshire Family History Society who, having researched family history for over 50 years, talked to us about how to research our own ancestry using both obvious and obscure resources. Intriguing topics such as "What is an orphan?" and "Why do places in America and Australia have Hertfordshire names?" were discussed. For those new to family history, or in need of help progressing further, Felicity was able to help point members in the right direction

Theatre and Social events

Annette is busy preparing social events throughout 2026. See 2026 Diary dates below. So, lots of entertainment for you to look out for and enjoy!

Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com with your suggestions on what events you might like her to consider.

u3a Coach Holiday 2027

Members who regularly went on the annual coach holiday, myself included, regret that we have been unable to arrange a holiday for this year. You may remember that last year we conducted a member survey to guide us in our planning for our 2027 holiday and Annette Cotter, an experienced holiday organiser, has bravely taken on the challenge. Thank you, Annette, for all that you do to entertain our members, it really is much appreciated.

Interest Groups – Currently we have 52 groups, with quite a few more in the pipeline, so there is lots of choice. Most groups are able to welcome new members, but if you wish to join a group that is advertised as being currently full, please contact the group leader direct, or our groups coordinator, Val Brown, via vabrown50@gmail.com or 01582 793174

Diary Dates for 2026

12th February – ‘Red Shoes’ ballet. MK Theatre

21st April – Hampton Court Tulip Festival

May – ‘To Kill A Mocking Bird’ MK Theatre (TBC)

1st July – Visit to Sandringham House & Garden

August – Coach Outing, destination (TBD)

24th October – The BIG Quiz

Our Next Talk

Wed 18th February

‘Agatha Christie: Queen of Crime’ - Nick Dobson

Agatha Christie is the all-time, world’s best-selling novelist and her crime mysteries have enthralled readers for a century. There was also intrigue in her personal life. In this illustrated talk, we will follow the methods of Poirot and Marple and look at the mysterious life of their creator.

I just want to add here, a huge vote of thanks to Vic Wells and his

team of helpers, known as The RUGS. They do a superb job each

month, setting up the meeting place and providing refreshments

for us all to enjoy.

Finally – if you have any issues or are unsure who to contact, please reach out to me.

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